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# EDITORIAL AS I SEE IT

by NAT LOUBET Editor AND Publisher of

The RING

IN this day of the continual fight for women's rights, what could be more logical than that the supposedly weaker sex should want to box professionally.

In recent years women have become managers and judges without weakening the sport of boxing. As far back as Lew Jenkins and King Levinsky, women members of their families helped to train and even second their menfolk. And now we come to the final stroke, women actually in the ring and doing their own fighting.

The California State Athletic Commission has taken a bold step and removed restrictions against boxing bouts between women.

That this will lead to any tremendous influx of professional activity among women in the boxing rings around the world is doubtful. The move for the most part is an arm of the women fighting for equal rights, and the gals have donned boxing gloves to knock down yet another door that has been closed to them for so long.

In announcing the California decision, Bob Turley, of the Athletic Commission offices in Sacramento, has made it quite plain that to qualify for a boxing license a woman must prove to the Commission that she is in proper shape, or should I say condition, and that she is skilled as a boxing performer.

The decision is sure to speed up similar moves in New York and other states despite the "old guard" fight to retain boxing for men. Connecticut recently staged its first professional women's bout.

That this version of boxing will produce any million dollar gates in the foreseeable future is not likely. That the girls will produce a Muhammad Ali is improbable.

It is possible that women in boxing, as was true when women as performers broke into wrestling, will be a financial draw as oddities. However, the new attraction is more of a freak endeavor than actual competition, and as such will have an initial impetus, will go through the vicissitudes of a freak performance and will then drop back into a case of occasional bouts here and yonder.

Even in wrestling the women performers are used as added attractions with the main bouts still being the men.

That the girls have every right to box if that is to their choosing cannot be contested in this day and age, but there are certain problems inherent in the ring not faced by the man athlete that women will have to face.

Despite all the precautions taken by the various boxing commissions that include detailed medical examinations, there are still injuries and worse. That this is true in hockey, lacrosse, football, etc., for years the sports of men, does not change the issue.

If a woman wishes to face the dangers, should she have that right? The answer is obvious. Who can stop her? In my talks with promoters and authorities of various commissions, who know that they now must face up to this situation, they all agree that under no conditions would they sanction a man versus a woman match. Of course, I never expected that such would be the case.

In the early years of boxing, fighters were proud of a cauliflower ear or battle marks on their faces. These were considered badges of honor — it marked the courageous — much as saber marks on the young German student were "in" during the early parts of the century. This is no longer so; fighters have their ears bleed immediately, scar tissue is operated on and even the men no longer want to have their features marred.

What of the women coming into boxing? No matter how much the members of the female clan state that they can do anything a man can do, can they take a beating to the face with all that it entails and be happy with the marks of their trade?

There are certain inherent differences between a man and woman, I think, and one of them is that women must realize that their looks are just as important as their intellects, and to many men even more so.

Who cares! Say certain women. The answer is that most women do care, and getting socked around is not going to become the international pastime of women that it has been for men.

There is little doubt that female boxing will not produce any great or earth shaking changes in the sport of professional boxing. Women in the ring will attract a few participants and for a while even more fans, but in the long run it will still be the sport of men.

There is no doubt that the lady boxing movement will break out in New York and produce a big problem for Jim Farley, Jr., chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission.

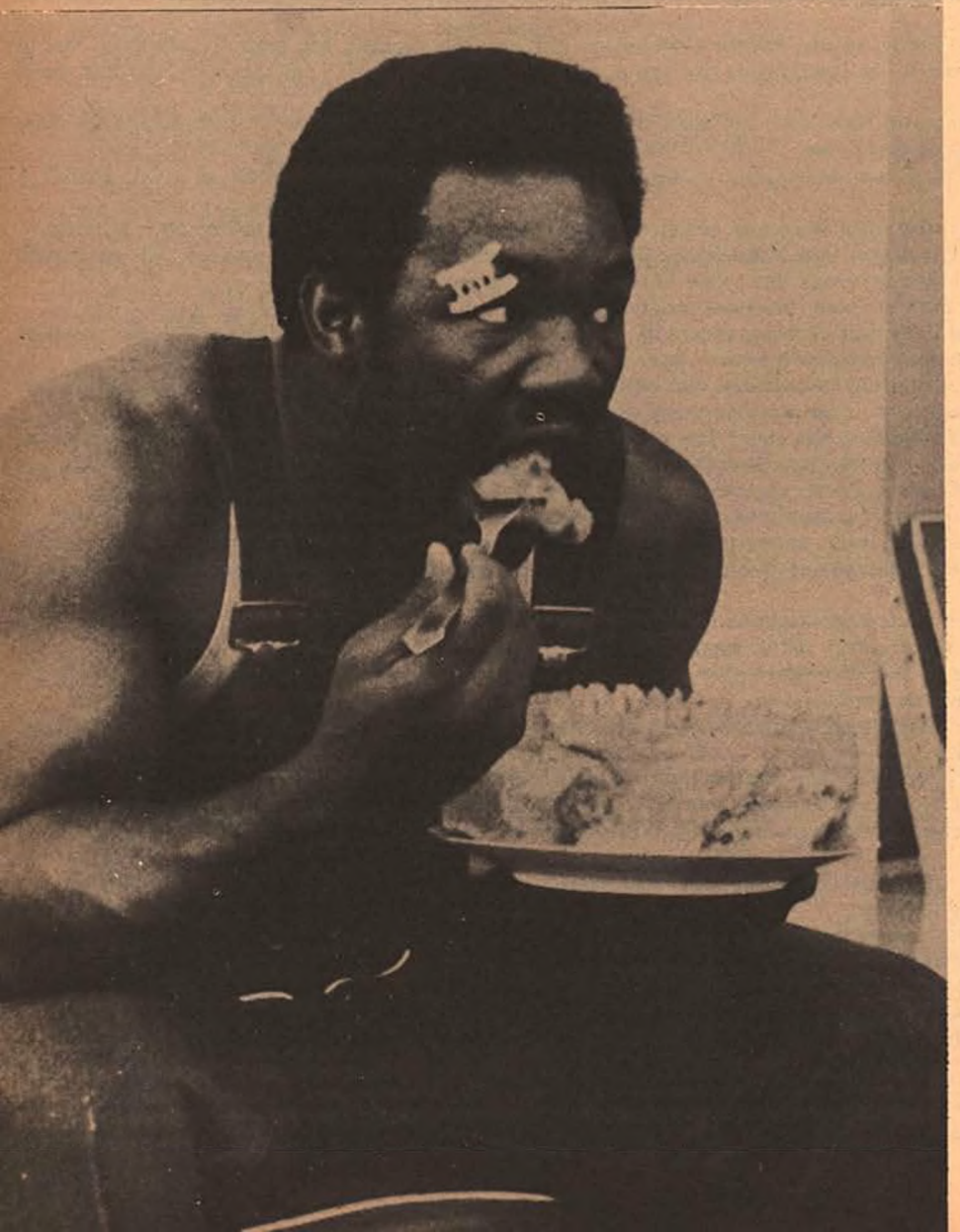
To oppose anything for which the gals set up a demand is dangerous. The Little League, which for more than 30 years was a vastly successful baseball organization for boys, found that out.

The equal rights gals decided that they wanted to get into the game and started their fight in New Jersey. The battle spread to Michigan and then to other states. The result was an overhauling of Little League to include girl players.

Politicians have learned that to fight the gals on the equal rights issue is something to stay away from.

THE RING MAGAZINE recently ran a feature on a woman boxer named Tonawanda. In some quarters this was taken to mean that THE RING was pushing female boxing. The magazine is not taking any stand, since in the long run it will be the fans who make the decisions.

# FOREMAN SPEAKS TO CLARIFY HIS DEFEAT AND TO DEMAND ALI REMATCH



**By CHRISTOPHER COATS**

**Q.** George, it seems you're back in the fight business; two exhibitions, your fight against Lyle, how do you feel about coming back?

**A.** **I'm very excited. I think I'm back on the road to doing things I enjoy doing most, training, boxing and things related. That's been my whole life and I'm happiest with it.**

**Q.** What got you back? I know you're with some new people, how did this return come about?

**A.** **Well first of all, after losing in Africa I needed some time off to reflect over things, and while reflecting I realized that I needed new people to work with me. It's not like I was ever away. You see, my whole life was moving so fast, I just skyrocketed to the top and then after Africa I needed to step back for awhile. So now I have new people with me. Pretty much it was all my doing. That's my love.**

**Q.** Have you handled all the arrangements? did you ask to have Clancy work with you? did you ask to fight Ron Lyle?

**A.** **Well, pretty much. I set a goal to get back into the ring, and all these things are a part of it, because eventually I want the championship back. Everything that's been done has had my o.k.**

**Q.** Do you think that Ali will fight you again?

**A.** **Yeah, I do. When I had the title I gave him a shot at it, and I'm now the number one contender. There's really nobody else for him to fight. I fought Frazier and I destroyed him in two rounds. I fought Norton and I destroyed him in two round. You got to remember that; I destroyed both of the men who whipped Ali.**

**Q.** Would you fight Ali any differently next time around?

**A.** **If I fight him again I believe I will win; I can't see not winning. I want that opportunity, will work to get it and I'll get him in the ring again. Anything different? I don't know. In the first fight there was something wrong with me, maybe it was something that was in the water, but I just didn't feel right. There**

**George Foreman, a man with a big appetite for the heavyweight crown he lost to Ali, in Zaire, on October 30, 1974, by an 8th round KO.**

(Above) Foreman left, and Ken Norton have a staring match prior to their March 26, 1974 fight in Caracas, in which George won a second round KO. (Left) Foreman gets fighting support from Don King, left, and a bevy of beauties. (Below) Houston's Jody Ballard goes down to give Foreman a second round KO in a benefit bout on November 26, 1975.

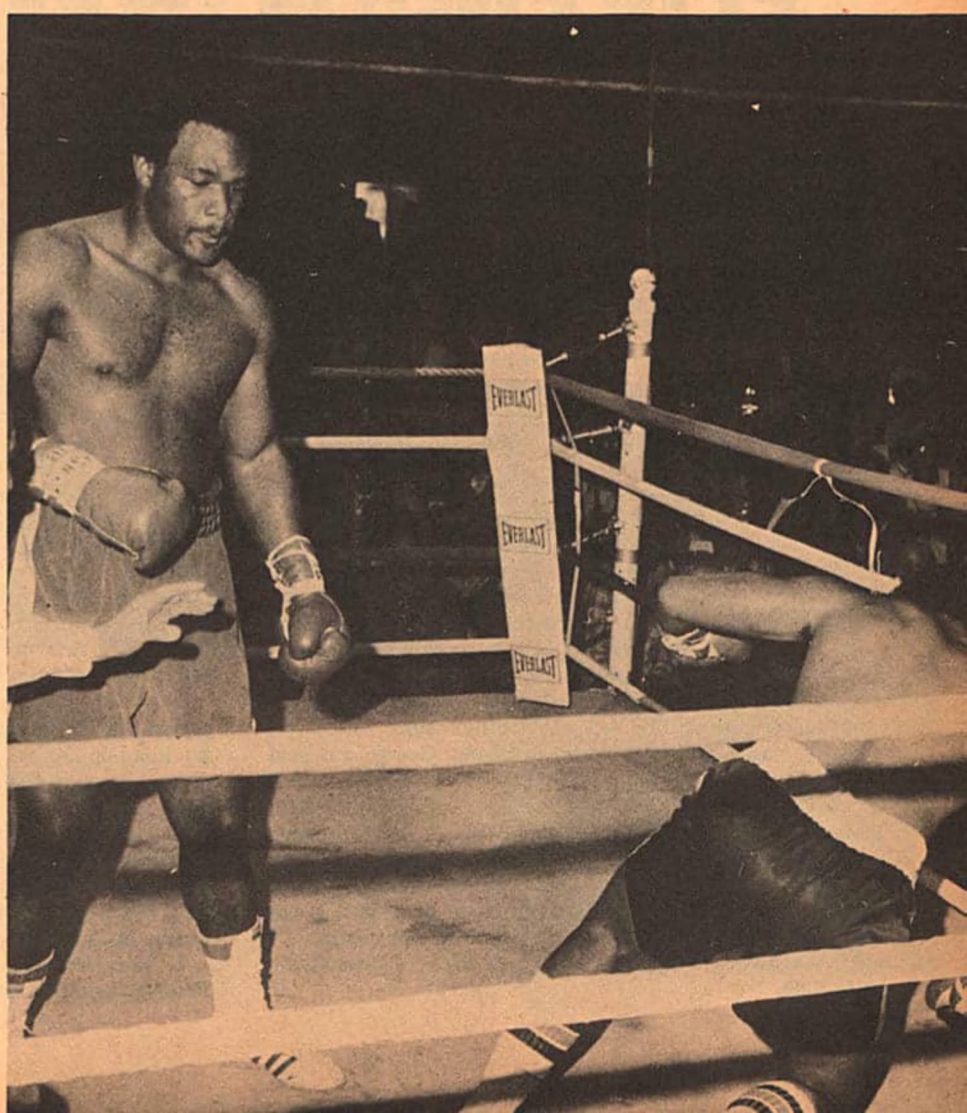
**were so many things that weren't right going on over there that I just can't say that I really lost. Listen, Ali made me seem white. I walked out and they booed me. I'm going to get him before he gets too old and let him know what a proud one-hundred percent black American thinks when he's been put down by the like of him.**

**Q.** Was all the talk, all the commotion, all the clowning on Ali's part a distraction for you?

**A.** **No, not really. That had nothing to do with the fight. Everybody knows that that's Ali. He'll open his mouth about anything and that attracts a lot of attention.**

**Q.** Alright, let's assume you get the title back, do you feel that there would be any other first rate challengers around for you to fight?

**A.** **Remember this, I recall back when Joe Frazier fought Ali in the Garden and Joe just barely wins and all of a sudden no one else is in the picture. Frazier and Ali are in a class all their own, what can they do but fight one another. Except I come along and knock Frazier down six times and I'm the new heavyweight champion. So there's always someone on the horizon, always.**

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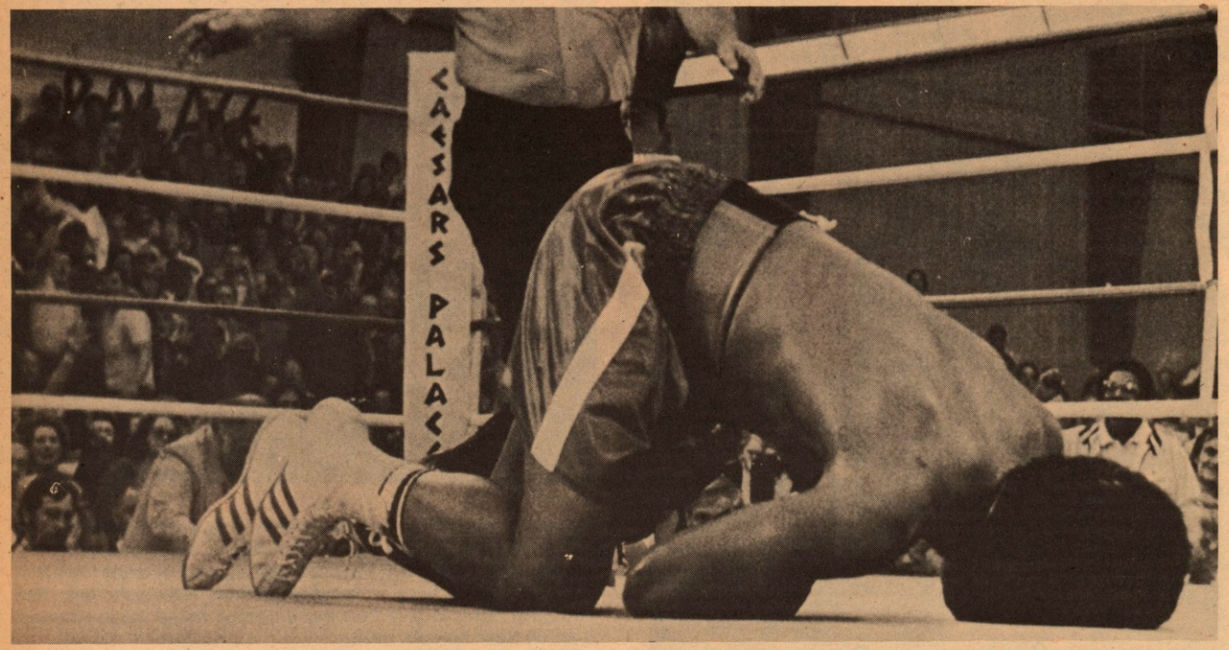


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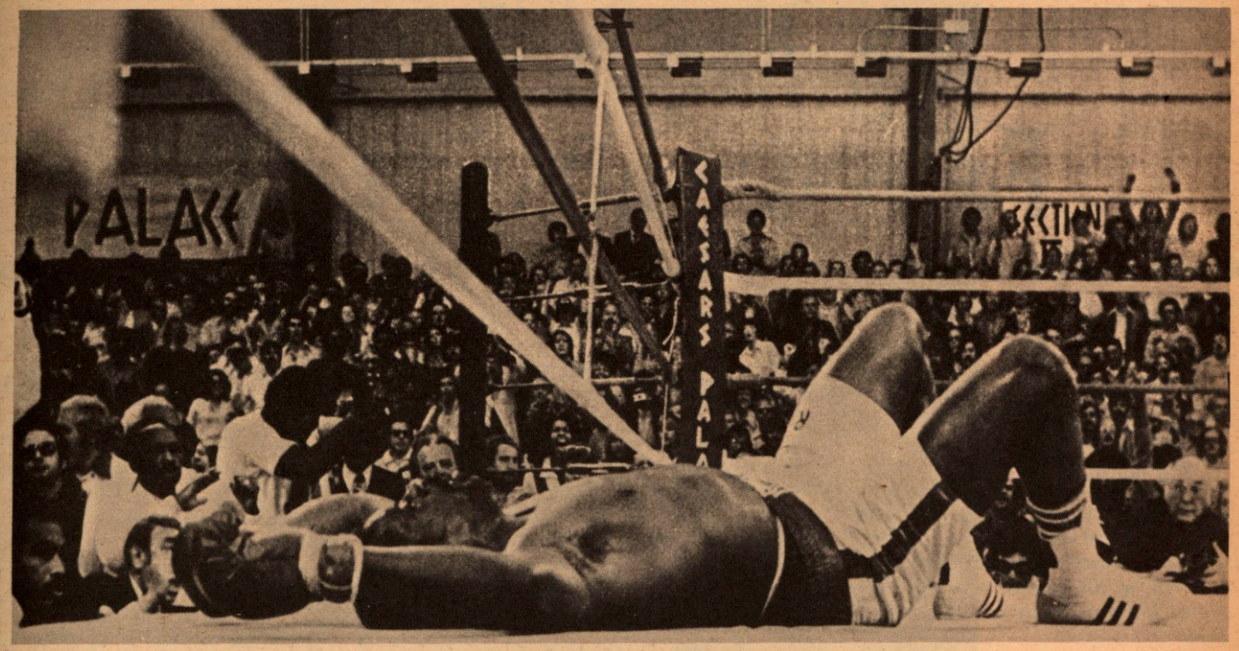



# GOING WHERE?

By JOHN ORT

LAS VEGAS, Nevada — Former heavyweight champion George Foreman ended his contest with Denver's Ron Lyle at 2:28 of the fifth round of their heavyweight battle royal at Caesars Palace.

Lyle started the bout fast, tagging George with a good left hook to the jaw in the first round. Ron didn't follow up, and let the ex-champion off the hook.

The next two rounds Lyle looked good hitting George with lead rights to the head. Foreman kept on coming, looking to land the one big blow to end the bout.

The second round was shortened to 2 minutes by an error in the A.B.C. T.V. timer.

The fourth round was the biggest of the contest, with three knockdowns. Foreman was on the deck twice and Lyle once, as both boxers gave it their all. George beat the count, as the bell sounded for the end of the round. Foreman was decked by a left-right combo to the head. He knocked down Ron with a wild left hook, which knocked out Lyle's mouthpiece.

The fifth round was going to be the last as the crowd sensed that neither boxer could go much farther. Foreman came out with this in mind and open up a two handed attack that again knocked out Lyle's mouthpiece and put Ron down for the full count.

A crowd of 4,100, gave both boys a big hand. George was paid $250,000 plus and Lyle $140,000 plus. Gate was $140,000.

After the contest George stated "I knew he was going to fight with his heart and soul. When I was first down, I said to myself, 'I'll be damned if somebody is going to count me out'." He went on, "This was the first time I ever fought off the canvas. I said to myself, 'I've paid my dues.' I was more angry than hurt. I was mad." George was asked about his physical shape and replied, "I was rusty. You have got to be active. There are no short-cuts, no way but to fight."

Ron Lyle stated at a press conference after the bout, "I'll keep boxing. This one could have gone either way. Like George says, you've got to get up. I couldn't."

Where does George go from here? A good question. A rematch with Lyle or maybe another bout with ex-champion Joe Frazier are possibilities. Ali is not in the future at the moment.

This was the debut of Foreman's new trainer and manager, Gil Clancy. Its hard to tell if Gil's knowhow could help George. It seems that when Foreman's in trouble, he goes back to his bar-room brawl style.

He didn't look in any better shape than he was for the Ali bout, maybe not even near the shape of that contest, weighting in at 226. Lyle didn't look much better at 220. Let's not blame Gil. As they say, "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink."

George did prove a few things on the plus side; he has a big heart, still has a great punch, strength against strength no one in the world can beat him. On the other side of the ledger; George can't box a lick, doesn't take a shot, has no smarts when it comes to boxing, and loses his head when he is hurt.

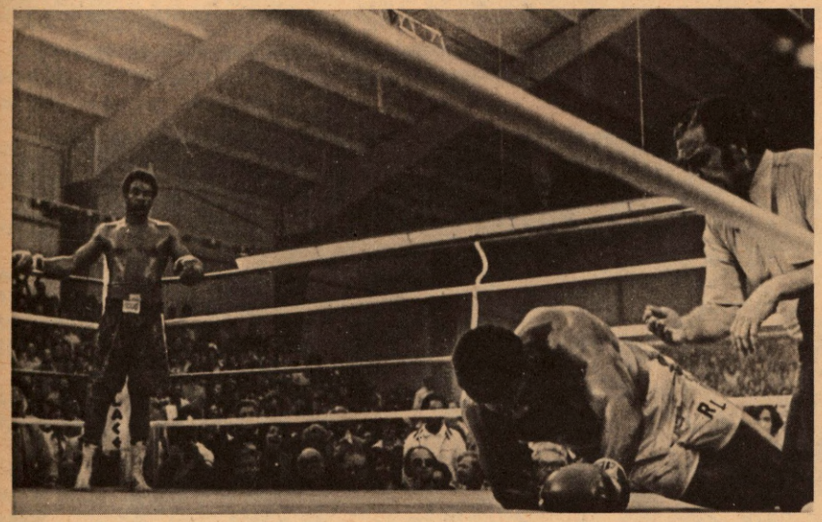
Every time out now, George will be in a tough contest. He is no longer the invincible, awesome fighter he was before and during his build-up for the championship. Now every bum he boxes figures he has a chance to knock him out. The line starts on the right.

Let's not forget about Ron Lyle. This man put up the best fight of his career. He just didn't have the strength to beat a Foreman. Don't forget he did have the ex-superman on the deck twice. If he only had a good right hand he might have changed the course of boxing history.

Ex-heavyweight king Floyd Patterson stated after the contest, on Foreman's performance, "There was no defense at all. People were awed by him, his size, his punching ability and strength." On the fight he added, "What it boiled down to was, who wanted to win more than the other guy. Foreman won because he wanted to win more."

Ken Norton's remarks after the bout were, "Foreman has gone back since he's been with Clancy." A cheap shot directed at Gil.

The scoring of the contest for the first four rounds was as follows: judges Bill Tabat and Lou Kipp had 18-17 for Lyle, judge John Mangiaracina had it even 18-18, referee Charlie Roth does not have a vote under Nevada boxing rules.



**(Left) Referee Charles Roth counts over Denver's Ron Lyle in round four, while California's George Foreman waits in the a neutral corner. Lyle got up from that knockdown and threw a flurry of punches which had Foreman down (below) for his second trip to the canvas in round four of the Las Vegas bout.**

# Ken Norton Speaks, Following KO of Lovell

**By SHIRLEY NORMAN**

"I'M going to destroy this man!" proclaimed Ken Norton on the day before his fight against Pedro Lovell, on January 10, at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

And the No. 1 heavyweight contender kept his word. With the skill of an artist and the power of a demolition squad, Norton fought his way to a fifth-round TKO against the hapless Lovell.

Norton played cat and mouse with the Argentinian. . .shrugging off most of Lovell's punches for the first three rounds.

Lovell, at 208 pounds, was at his best in the third round, but proved to be no match for the 220-pound Norton in the over-all bout.

Norton employed a magnificent defensive strategy with his right, combined with the powerhouse punches of his left.

In evidence throughout the fight was Norton's familiar ploy of pulling up his trunks. "Yeah. . .they're a little loose," said Ken in a post-fight interview. "But mostly, this is a psychological trick to divert my opponent's mind from the fight. It works most of the time — but you have to know when to use it. For instance, I wouldn't use this trick against Ali.

"I figured," continued Ken, "that the fourth round was about the time to apply the pressure today."

And. . .in the fourth round Norton was at his ferocious best. A bruised and battered Lovell held up gamely, but barely answered the bell for the fifth round. Referee Ferd Hernandez stopped the bout at 1:40 of the fifth round.

The dazed Lovell recovered sufficiently to bow to the crowd and say "Thank You" to the audience who had come to watch him fight.

A victorious Norton climbed out of the ring, winked at the press and jested, "I'm glad you got to see me work out today. The next time you'll get to see me fight."

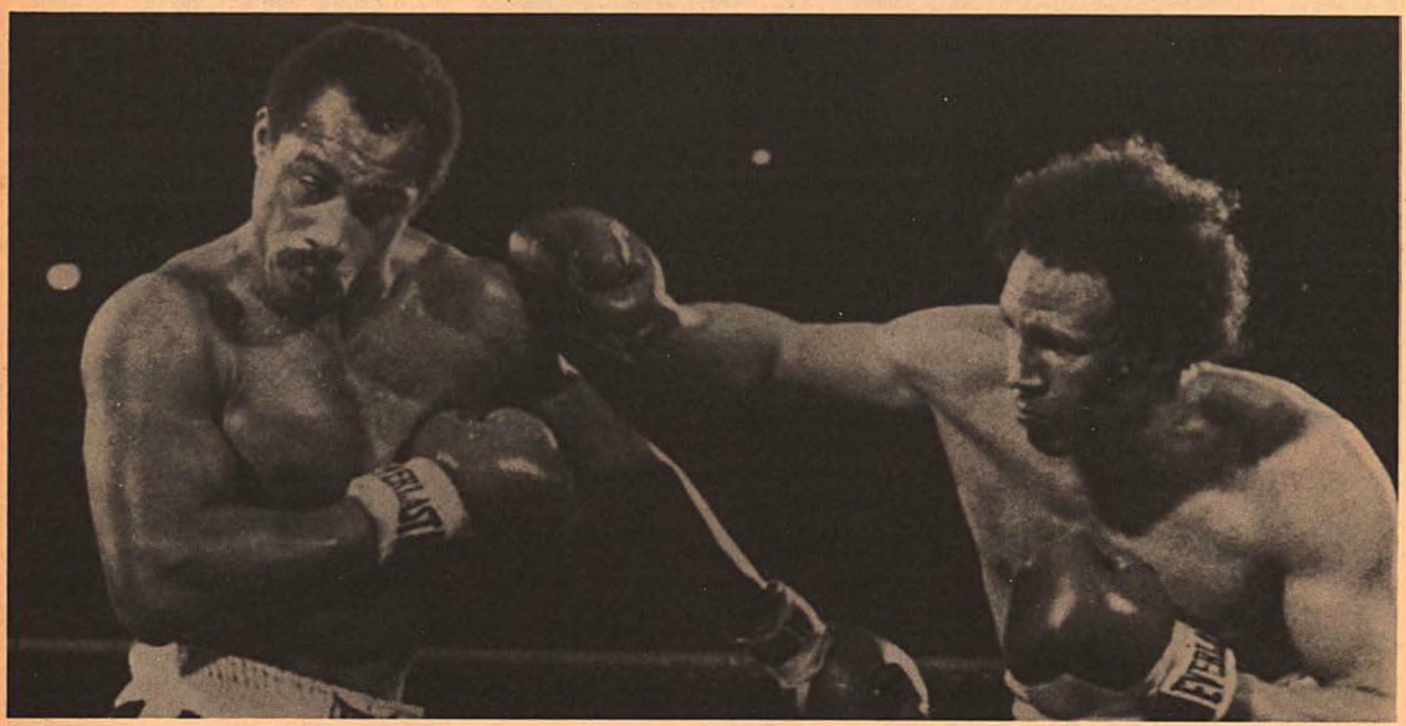
The "next time" is a hoped for championship bout against Muhammad Ali. . .tentatively scheduled for July 1976.

Following the fight, and a barrage of questions from sports reporters, this female RING columnist was treated to an exclusive interview with the No. 1 heavyweight contender.

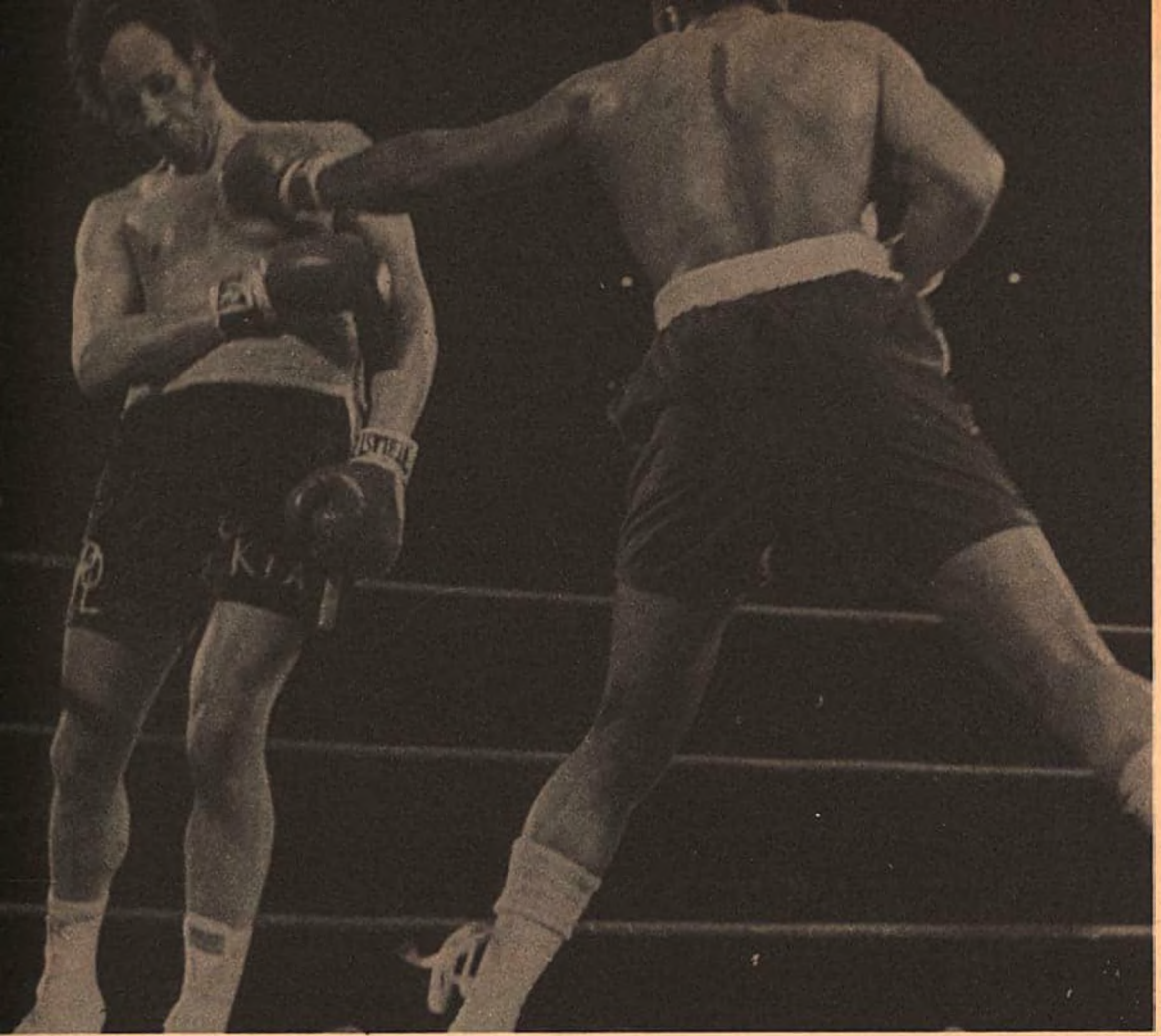
Norton was an imposing figure at this personal interview. Dressed in skin-tight black shirt and slacks, and wearing a collection of elegant jewelry, the boxer displayed a new confidence and grace, added to his usual sensuous charm.

Ken is serene these days in the knowledge of his boxing skills and status, and also in his newly acquired role as a movie star.

Norton made his movie debut this year in "Mandingo." While the picture was second-rate, Norton's magnificent physique and his surprising acting talents made the picture a smash at the box office.



**Heavyweight contender Ken Norton tries to back away from a right thrown by Pedro Lovell which catches Ken on the shoulder during the third round of their Las Vegas fight. Referee Ferd Hernandez stopped the bout at 1:40 of the fifth round to give Norton a KO win.**



**(Left) Lovell, Los Angeles, is stunned by a long left from Norton, San Diego, at the "beginning of the end" in round five. (Below) Norton, sporting the flashy jewelry he likes to wear outside the ring, hopes to get a shot at Ali's title in July.**

Ken Norton today is rich, famous, and incredibly good-looking. He is also big business — and the Ken Norton enterprises are run as tightly as any top corporation.

The Norton camp does not allow the hangers on that are so prevalent in the Ali entourage. Nor is there the devil-may-care attitude that must certainly have contributed to George Foreman's downfall.

Instead, Ken Norton is surrounded, advised, protected and managed by his three key people.

The owner-manager of Ken Norton is wealthy San Diego businessman Bob Biron, who treats his valuable property like a son. Mr. Biron is fiercely protective of his fighter, and determined that the general public, and the press in particular, are aware of Ken Norton as a great boxer and a great person.

Financial affairs of the Norton corporation are handled by Mr. Lee Winkler, who numbers among his clients nearly 100 of Hollywood's top movie stars.

"I first acquired Ken as a client when he became an actor," said Mr. Winkler. "But now that he must might be the next world heavyweight champion, I'm doubly proud to be associated with him."

Mr. Norton's boxing performances are masterminded by Bill Slayton, considered one of the country's top trainers. Like the other two gentlemen, Slayton is intensely devoted to Ken Norton — and to his championship aspirations. Slayton is cool, shrewd, and competent, and proclaimed after the fight, "We just had another one of our lucky days."

Surrounded by these top people, Ken Norton has set his sights on the ultimate goal: The World Heayvyweight Championship.

"Sure, the thing I want most is to fight Ali," stated Ken. "And I expect that to happen sometime this year. Bob Biron, my manager, is huddling right now with promoter Don King to set it up."

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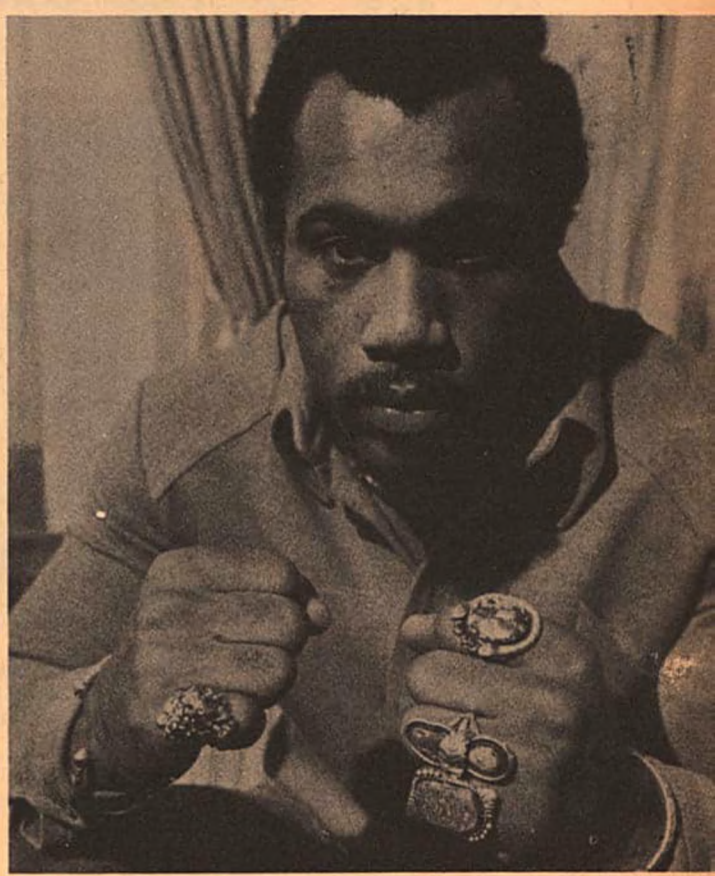


# VILLAFLOR, BACK IN ACTION, TAKES KASHIWABA IN 13

**By JUAN ORTEGA**

TOKYO, JAPAN — World junior lightweight king Ben Villaflor, of the Philippines, retained his crown with a 13th round TKO over Japan's Morito Kashiwaba.

Southpaw Villaflor took charge of the bout from the start. He used his good right jab to the face of Kashiwaba, winning the first five rounds. He opened cuts over the left eye in the third, and started Morito's nose bleeding in the fifth.

Ben put the Japanese tiger on the deck in the second round with a good left hook to the jaw. Morito was up at the count of eight. Kashiwaba was on the floor again in the third round by another hard left to the jaw.

Kashiwaba started to come on in the sixth round and held Villaflor at bay for the next five rounds, but the beating he took earlier in the contest took its toll.

Villaflor, 128, using his right jab to score at will, caused the cuts on the Japanese's face to get worse. Filipino referee Carlos Padilla stepped in and stopped the bout at 1:29 of the 13th round. Kashiwaba was defenseless and way behind on points when the end came.

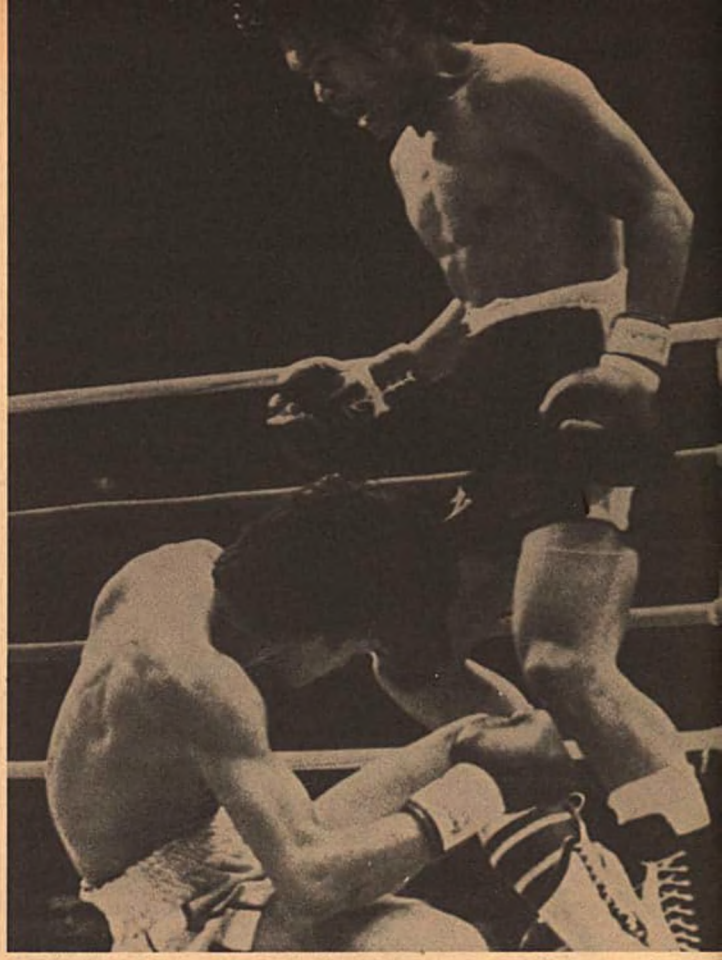
This was Morito Kashiwaba's second chance at the world junior lightweight crown. He was kayoed by Ricardo Arrendondo on September 1, 1973, six rounds, in Tokyo. The 130 pound Kashiwaba now has a record of 23-5-1.

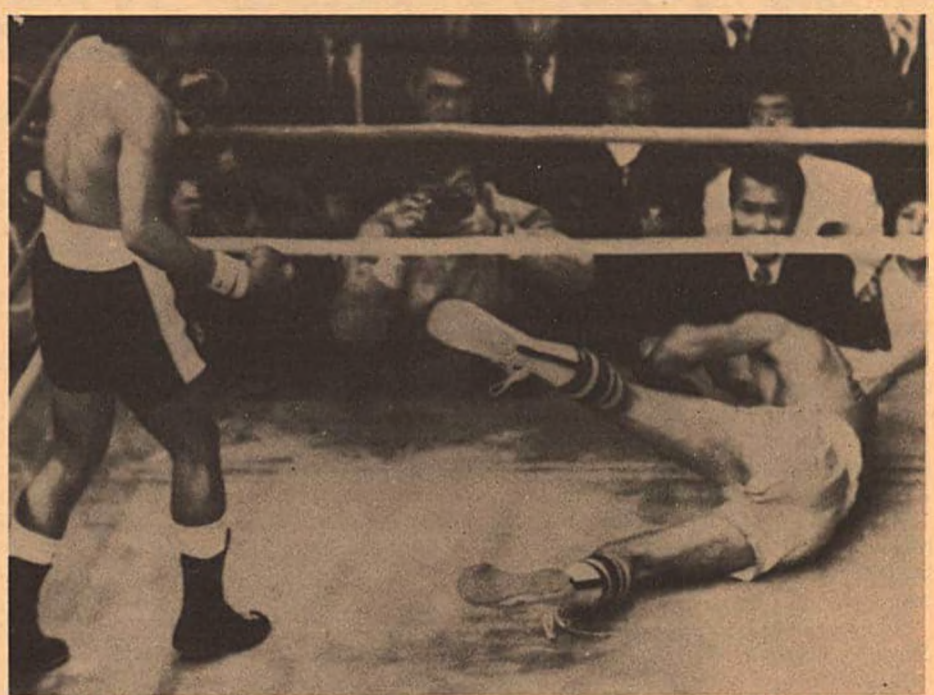
Villaflor won his crown on April 25, 1972, on a 15 round nod over Venezuelian Alfredo Marcano. He lost the crown to Japan's Kuniaki Shibata via 15 round decision on March 12, 1973. He regained same on October 17, 1973, with a one round, one punch kayo over Shibata. He then defended his crown against Victor Echegaray and Apollo Yoshio, both on 15 round draws; Yasutsune Uehara, kayo two, and this year, a 15 round split decision over Korea's Kim Hyun.

Ben has been out of action for the last 7 months from an eye injury. This was repaired in the Philippines last summer. This was his first contest since then.

Villaflor's next defense might take place in either his native Philippines or Honolulu, where he is now living.

Names of his next foe, come from the following list; Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa., U.S. champion; Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico and Hugo Barraza, of Colombia. There is no talk of Ben boxing the W.B.C. king Puerto Rico's Alfredo Escalera.

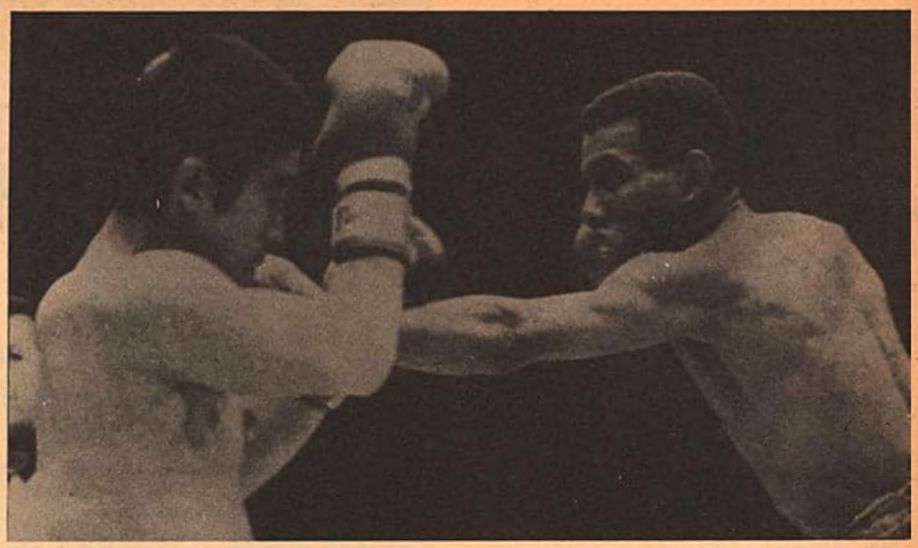




**WBA Jr. lightweight champion Ben Villaflor, Philippines, scored two knockdowns early in his Tokyo bout with Morito Kashiwaba, Japan. The first was in round 2 (below), the second, in round 3 (top). Both were scored with hard lefts.**

# RIOS OUTSPEEDS TENRYU FOR TITLE

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI



WBA Jr. flyweight champion Jaime Rios, Panama, lands a straight left against Kazunori Tenryu, Japan. Rios retained his title with a 15 round decision.

KAGOSHIMA, JAPAN — Fleet footworker Jaime Rios from Panama showing superiority in speed and skills, outpunched Kazunori Tenryu, shorter Japanese, and kept his WBA portion of the world junior flyweight title in 15 gory frames. The card was staged at the Japanese's native land, Kagoshima, southern city of Kyushu Island.

Tenryu, national titlist standing at 4 feet, 10 inches, was annoyed by Rios' tricky mobility, and continued to bleed from the nose and stood in the loser's corner. Although Japanese judge Fujimoto gave a vote 72-69 to the local favorite, it was received well by ringsiders that referee Rosadilla, U.S., and Ray, judge from Panama, registered their scores 74-65 and 71-68, respectively, in Rios' favor.

It was a question at what point Tenryu had been superior to the Panamanian dancer. As expected, Rios made the best use of faster hands and swifter feet almost at will.

Tenryu, who had suffered a kayo from the opponent in May last year, determined to get revenge on the foreigner and desired the return to happen before his family and friends. Rios was too busy a target for Kazu to chase with his stronger two-fisted attack. Tenryu, 106¾ pounds, appeared to be in fine shape, as he concentrated on shooting Rios' body to stop the

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Takenobu Shimabukuro, Japan, crumples to the canvas from a right by WBC Jr. Flyweight champion Luis Estaba, Venezuela, in round 10 of their Okinawa bout.

# Riot Follows KO of Shimabukuro By Estaba

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

NAHA CITY, OKINAWA — Luis Estaba, 34 year old Venezuelan, one-sidedly whipped Takenobu Shimabukuro, Japan, and halted him in the tenth round of their 15 round title contest. Estaba, 107½ pounds, easily retained the WBC version of the junior flyweight leadership before 3,500 partisan fans at Ohnoyama Gymnasium, Naha-City on Okinawa Island. A riot took place there. After Mexican referee Escobedo declared a halt to save the helpless Japanese from further beating, chairs, papers and other objects were thrown into the ring.

In the tenth and fatal session, Shimabukuro, 108 pounds, regained his feet from the second knockdown of the game and wanted to fight on. But the reporter saw that the third man properly stopped the proceedings, as Estaba would have been a kayo winner if the Japanese had continued unnecessarily. Their difference in speed, science and experience was too obvious from the start.

After Shimabukuro, Luis' junior by 11 years, hit the deck from a right shot in the first round, the affair proved to be nothing but a slaughter. None of the Japanese's punches caught the target, while all of Estaba's blows hit his man to shake him up. Estaba, looking younger than he was, dominated eight rounds up to the stoppage.

Shima sent the defending champ plenty of leathers, though battered with well-timed lefts and rights. The loser's parents and brothers were among ringsiders, most of whom expected the local favorite to win.

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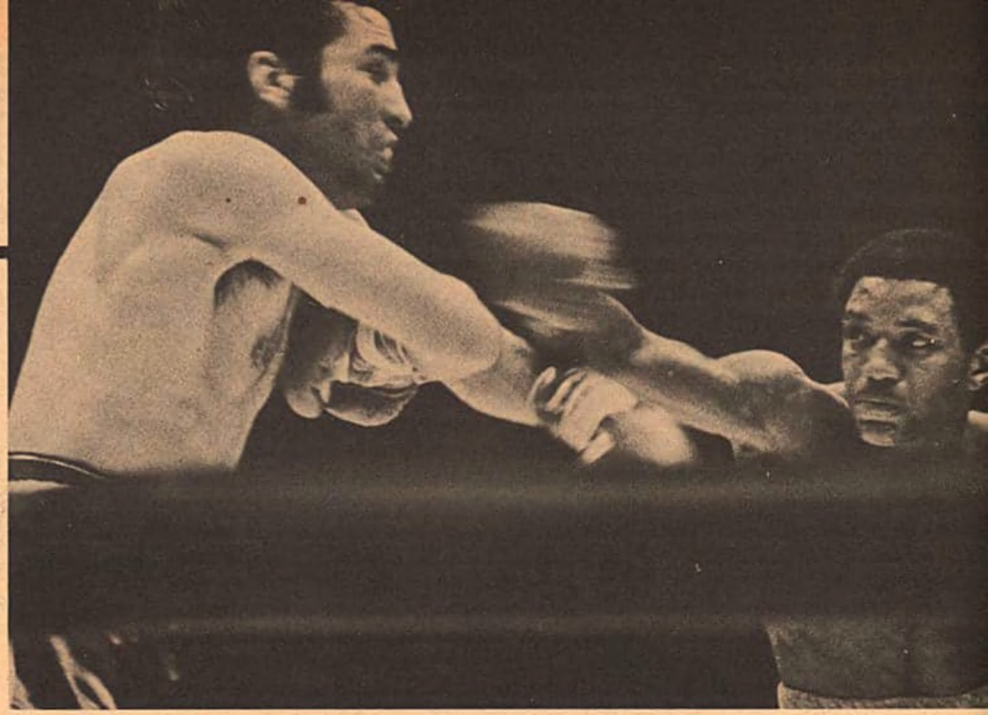

Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, tries to block a right by Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, during the twelve round fight which Everett won by split decision in San Francisco.

# EVERETT WINS SPLIT NOD OVER LUNNY

**By CHRISTOPHER COATS**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. United States junior lightweight champion Tyrone Everett relied upon slick defensive fighting and a southpaw stance to eke out a split decision over Ray Lunny III, the North American junior lightweight champion, at the Civic Auditorium. The show was presented by Joe Gagliardi and Jim Gama of the Garden City Boxing Club, and it was far and away the biggest boxing show in Northern California.

In a ten round preliminary former world champion George Foreman returned to the ring for an exhibition bout against his one time sparring partner Eddie Brooks. Foreman scored a knockout in the fourth round when the referee refused to allow the mismatch to continue. Brooks had been down twice in the third and twice again in the fourth.

Everett, who weighted in at 129, is undefeated in 30 pro bouts. He refused to trade punches with Lunny and instead relied upon his exceptional hand speed to jab and counter punch the constantly forward moving local favorite.

Lunny, who weighed in at 130, was down in the first round from a short right hand by Everett. Lunny was up immediately and appeared more relaxed than anything else.

In the second and third rounds both fighters established their tactics for the evening, Lunny, the aggressor, and Everett tossing right hand leads and very sharp counter punches. In the fourth round a classic left hook from Everett dropped Lunny again. He was up by the time the referee reached him and he finished the round with the same tireless pursuit of his opponent he had followed in the previous rounds.

Everett dominated the next few rounds with his clever punching combinations and liberal use of the ring. In the eighth and ninth rounds Lunny came back and landed an assortment of solid punches to the head of the fleet footed Philadelphian.

In the ninth Everett appeared stunned from a left to the jaw, but he was able to elude any further punches.

Both fighters appeared in excellent shape for the twelve round match most certainly due to the fact that the winner of the bout should be in line for a world title match with either Ben Villaflor, the WBA champion from the Philippines, or Alfredo Esalera, the WBC champion from Puerto Rico.

Everett came back in the tenth and eleventh rounds fresh and confident as he moved well and kept Lunny off balance with his hit and run tactics. In the final round Lunny, to the chant of the hometown crowd, chased Everett all around the ring, and although he won the round due to his aggressiveness, it wasn't enough in balance to win the fight.

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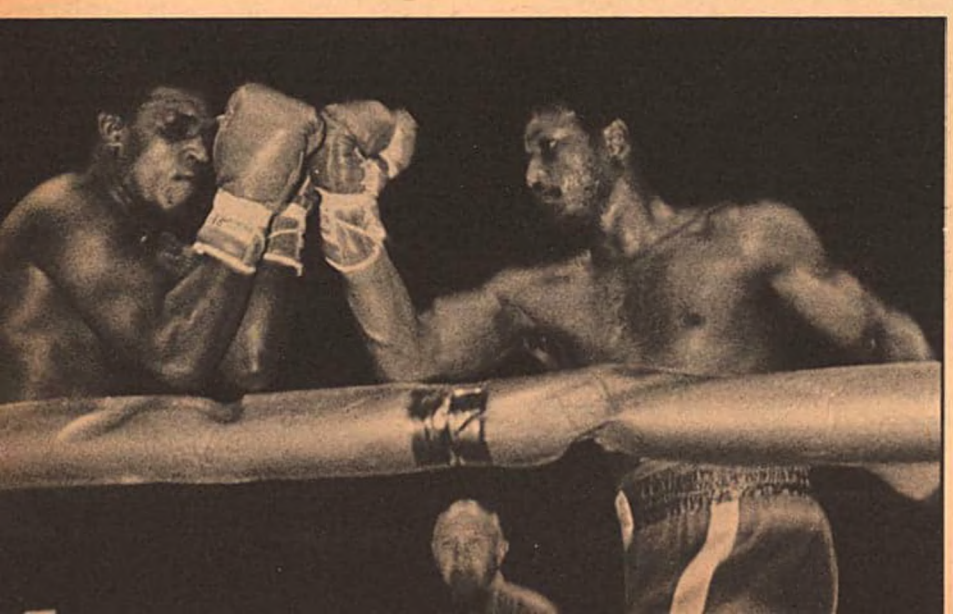

**Just prior to the stopping of the exhibition bout to save Eddie Brooks in round four, George Foreman fires a right at his opponent.**

# ANTUOFERMO COPS DAGGE'S TITLE

By JACK A. TREE

**Vito Antuofermo, Italy, raises his arms in victory at the end of his 15 round decision win over Eckhard Dagge, Germany, European Jr. middle title holder.**

THE major event took place in Berlin where European junior middleweight Eckhard Dagge was dethroned losing on points to American based Italian Vito Antuofermo at the end of fifteen bitter and bloody rounds. The German boxer's all out effort in the final stages of the fight failed to save his crown.

Antuofermo, in command in most of the first eight rounds, built up a lead of points that left it almost impossible for Dagge to wipe off the slate. British referee, Harry Gibbs, and French judge, Toni Talayrach, scored in favor of Antuofermo, while the Spanish judge, Sanchez Villar, had Dagge in front.

The general opinion was that Dagge was entitled to half the points, which would have saved his crown. I do not go along with this, for anything but a win for the Italian would have been grossly unfair to Antuofermo, who I had in front by two points.

He was the aggressor from the opening bell, and threw punches from all angles which landed in Dagge's face. Handicapped in being shorter than the German, Antuofermo still made nonsense of the German's defense, landing frequently with lefts and rights.

The German just could not settle down, for he was not being allowed to stand back and throw a long left to pave the way for his hard right. Antuofermo was always willing to take a punch in order to get in close to land a couple to Dagge's face.

The champion's left eyebrow was split open in the third and it looked at one stage like the bout might be stopped. The referee and the doctor present kept the laceration under observation but did not panic when the flood flowed freely.

In the thirteenth, Antuofermo's left eyebrow came apart. Fortunately for the Italian the fight was in its closing stages, for the laceration was more severe than that of Dagge. Had the damaged eyebrow occurred in the early rounds he would have been taken out of the fight without any second opinion or inspection.

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# Watts Gets Unpopular Nod Over Hagler

By JOHN ORT

PHILADELPHIA — Local middleweight Bobby (Boogaloo) Watts was the recipient of a blatant hometown decision over previously undefeated Marvin Hagler at The Spectrum. The disgraceful verdict was an insult to the intelligence of the disgruntled paying public (6,167) and the sport of boxing itself.

Hagler, 157, of Brockton, Mass., forced the action the entire 10 rounds. He opened a cut along Watts' left eye in the third round and landed the only meaningful punches of the fight.

Watts, 156, failed to solve Hagler's southpaw style and was content to run and grab.

"He fights like a girl, huggin' all the time," was how Hagler aptly described Watts in a post-fight interview. "I won every round and he knows it."

Ringside judges Earl Vann (46-44) and Nate Lopinson (48-44) voted for Watts, while referee Cisco (46-46) scored it a draw. THE RING scored it 48-44 for Hagler, as did every newsman at ringside.

Newly appointed Pennsylvania boxing commissioner Howard McCall refused to reverse the decision, but promised that Philadelphia has seen the last of these hometown decisions.

The win gave Watts a 27-3-1 record, while it was the first loss for Hagler in 27 fights (one draw).

The 10-round semifinal stole the show when 10th-rated junior middleweight Li'l Abner knocked out Frankie Kolovart with one perfect right cross at 2:11 of the third found.

Kolovart, 153, Cleveland, was punching toe-to-toe with Abner, 153, North Philadelphia, for two rounds. The third round was a repeat until Kolovart got nailed.

Abner is now 23-9-1 with 19 KOs. Kolovart dropped to 25-10-1 with 12 KOs.

Another excellent 10-rounder saw Jerome Artis, 129, North Philadelphia, ring up his most impressive win as he outsmarted Sammy Goss, 129, Trenton, over the distance. The two boxed a

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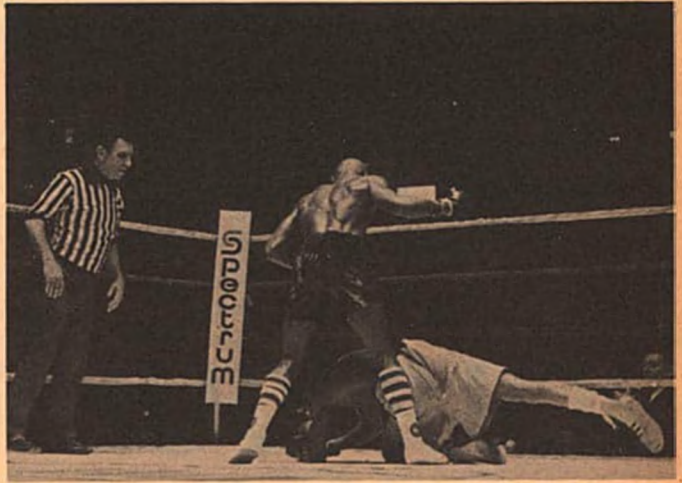
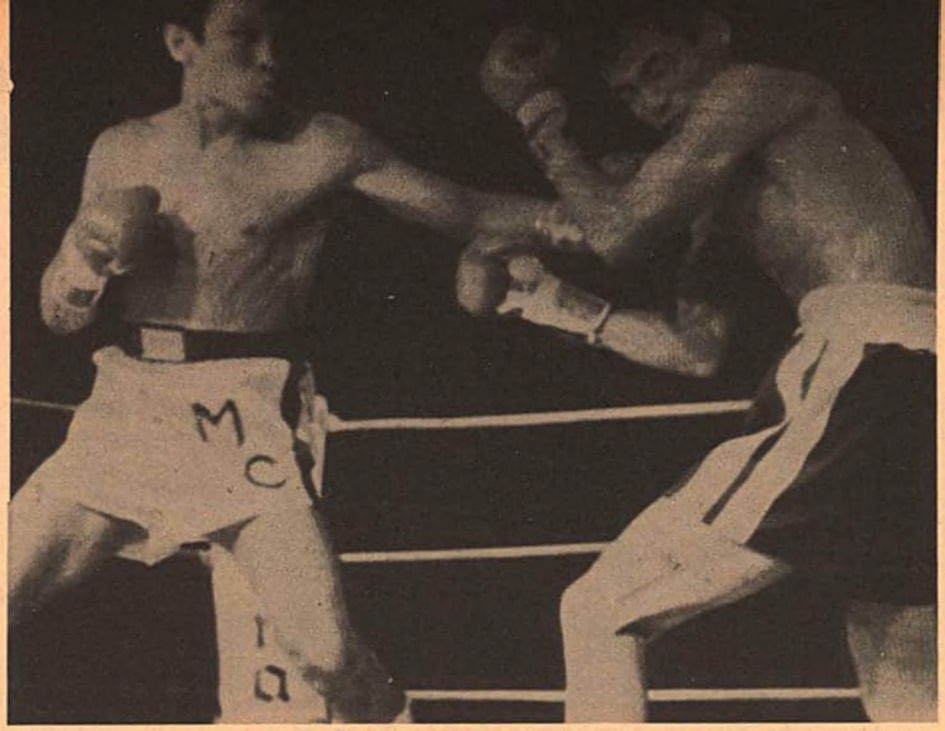


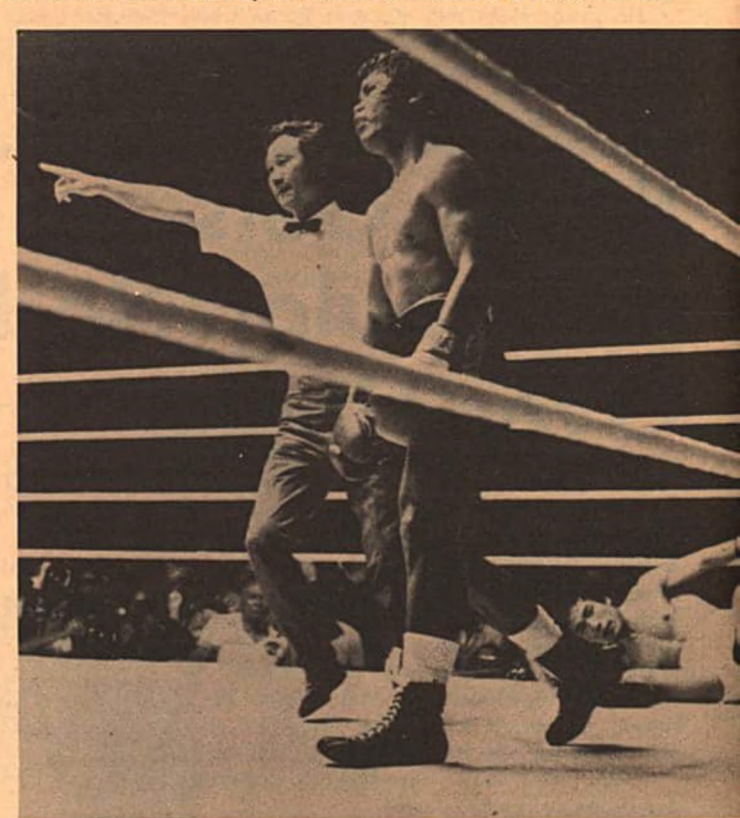

**Marvin Hagler stands over Boogaloo Watts after the latter slipped while attempting a left hook in the seventh round of their 10 round bout in Philadelphia. Referee Hank Cisco looks on.**

# Japan Dominated The Year With 13 Title Contests.



(Above) Mexico's WBC flyweight champ Miguel Canto catches Japan's Jiro Takada with a hard left on his way to a KO in round 11, August 23, 1975, Merida. (Below) Referee Herbert Minn sends Jr. lightweight champ Ben Villaflor, Philippines, to a neutral corner as Korea's Kim Hyun Chi tries to rise. Ben took a split decision on March 14, 1975, Manila.

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI



**TOKYO, JAPAN — In 1975 Japan saw thirteen world title contests, the number of which shows her dominating role in the Orient fistic map.** The Philippines staged two events including The Thriller in Manila on October 1, while Thailand had one in her own interior.

Promoting so-called world title competitions may have had something to do with the economical background of the country. Japan certainly seems richer from the viewpoint of capitalistic prosperity that consists in people's high living as well as extravagant commercialisms, in comparison with other countries in this Far East.

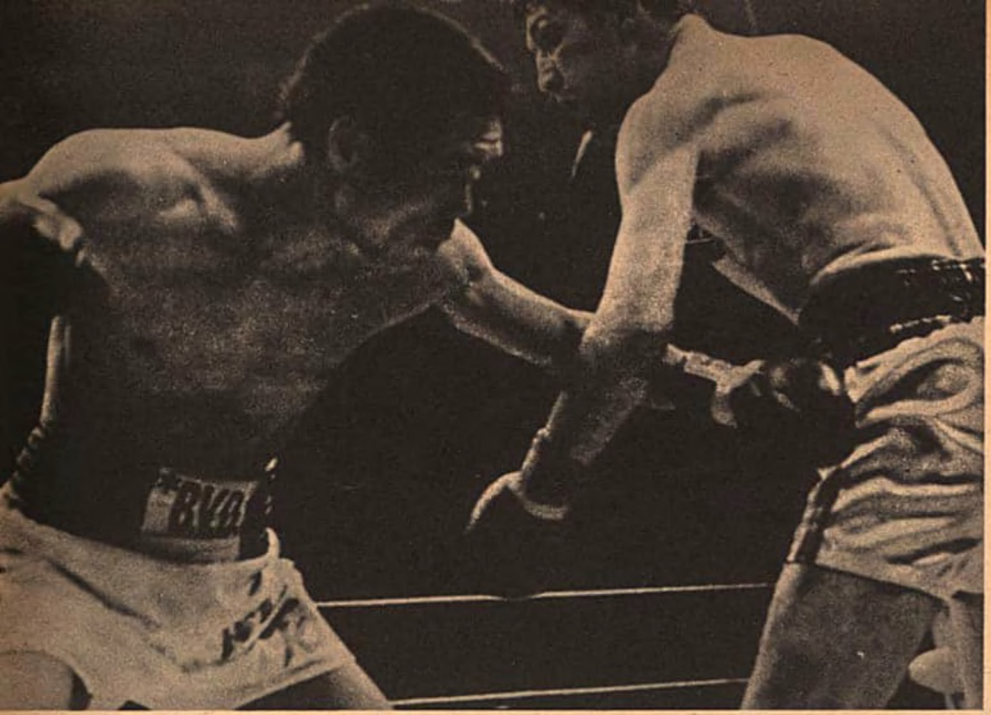
Foreign fighters, champions or challengers, were imported vigorously from Europe, Latin America and the Orient to Japan which boasts of huge fight crowds, more correctly, of big TV companies.

The broadcasting networks have greatly aided promoters in staging the title goes of Japanese and imported fighters.

If the reporter neglects to distinguish WBC champions from WBA ones, the Orient has four titleholders. Each of the main countries of the OBF (Orient Boxing Federation) possesses one national hero, that is, lightweight Guts (Suzuki) Ishimatsu, of Japan; junior lightweight Ben Villaflor, of the Philippines; junior welterweight Saensak Muansurin; of Thailand and junior middleweight Jae Do Yuh of South Korea.

The last two punchers were newly crowned in the year of 1975. On June 7, Korean Yuh deprived Koichi Wajima, Japan, of the title in the 154-pound class, when the latter defended it for the first time since he recaptured the crown from Oscar Shotgun Alvarado

# ROUNDUP 1975 - THE ORIENT



**(Left) WBC lightweight champion Guts Ishimatsu, Japan, lands a left to the body of Ken Buchanan, Scotland, in the course of their February 2, 1975, bout in Tokyo. Ishimatsu won a 15 round unanimous decision.**

**Japan's Koichi Wajima regains the WBA Jr. middleweight title with the raising of his arms by referee Dick Young on January 21, 1975, in Tokyo. The forlorn looking Oscar Alvarado, Los Angeles, held the title for only seven months from the time he won it from Wajima the preceding June.**

via a decision on January 21. The expected result signifies the energetic emergence of Korea's fighting, for Jae Do Yuh has held the OBF middleweight title for four years and has defended it for 14 times.

Yuh had insisted that he could make the weight and sent an eager intention to fight Wajima, but the Japanese kept defending the title that had dethroned Italy's Carmelo Bossi by a decision in Tokyo, 1971 against non-orientals only. On six occasions Wajima tabbed successful defenses before he sank in 15 brutal rounds at the hand of Oscar Alvarado, U.S. puncher, in 1974.

During this time, Yuh was not given any opportunity to face the Japanese, nor to appear at Korakuen Hall, Tokyo, only to become 27 years of age and compile a brilliant record of 21 wins and one draw against Japanese ringmen.

Why couldn't Korea give Yuh a crack at Wajima's championship? It was chiefly because of financial conditions to pay Wajima the heightened purse due him as champion, partly because of military conditions of Korea, now administrated by Park Chong Hee, that forbids people from luxurious expenditure.

Following are the fights in the Orient in 1975.

There were five world titlists, outstanding Japanese, at the beginning of the year, but only lightweight Guts Ishimatsu welcomes the year of 1976 as a world titleholder.

The first Nipponese to lose his international crown was Shoji Oguma, lefty flyweight. On January 8, he lost a split hairline nod to Mexico's Miguel Canto in 15 speedy rounds at Miyagi.

Oguma, vaunted puncher, showed too cautious counterpunching all the way to be outscored by the shorter Mexican. Severely criticized by experts and papers for his negative showing, Oguma turned quite aggressive with a killer instinct, scoring three fine knockouts of Peter Noble, Yuji Matsunaga and Kazuo Aikawa.

On February 27, a real upset was witnessed in Tokyo. Guts Ishimatsu, WBC's lightweight leader, punched Britain's Ken Buchanan on his way to score a unanimous decision in 15 heats. Ken's evaluated left was avoided by Ishi's tricky mobility. Official scores were 144-142, Dick Young (U.S.); 145-141, Harry Gibbs (Britain); and 149-141, Seiji Ebine (Japan) all for Ishimatsu.

On March 27, Kuniaki Shibata, Guts' stablemate, found it easy to batter Algeria's Ould Makloufi in 15 shutout rounds at Kyushu. Shibata, most popular ringster here, showed his power punching to drop the newcomer in the second round. Thereafter Makloufi kept running away from the Japanese and barely went to the distance.

Two weeks before Shibata's lopsided win, Filipino Ben Villaflor had a tough battle and gained a majority nod from Kim Hyun Chi, hitherto unbeaten Korean, in Quezon City, Philippine Islands. In the ninth round, Villaflor decked Chi three times and turned the tide thoroughly.

It was not 'April Fools' that Susumu Hanagata, Japan's flyweight, failed to retain the title from Erbito Salavarria, sharp Filipino, in 15 rounds. In the second meeting, at Toyama, Erbito scored a split duke, which caused a violent riot with cans and papers thrown into the square. JBC's secretary general Kotai Kikuchi's announcement to have the flyweights remeet as soon as possible barely ceased the fire.

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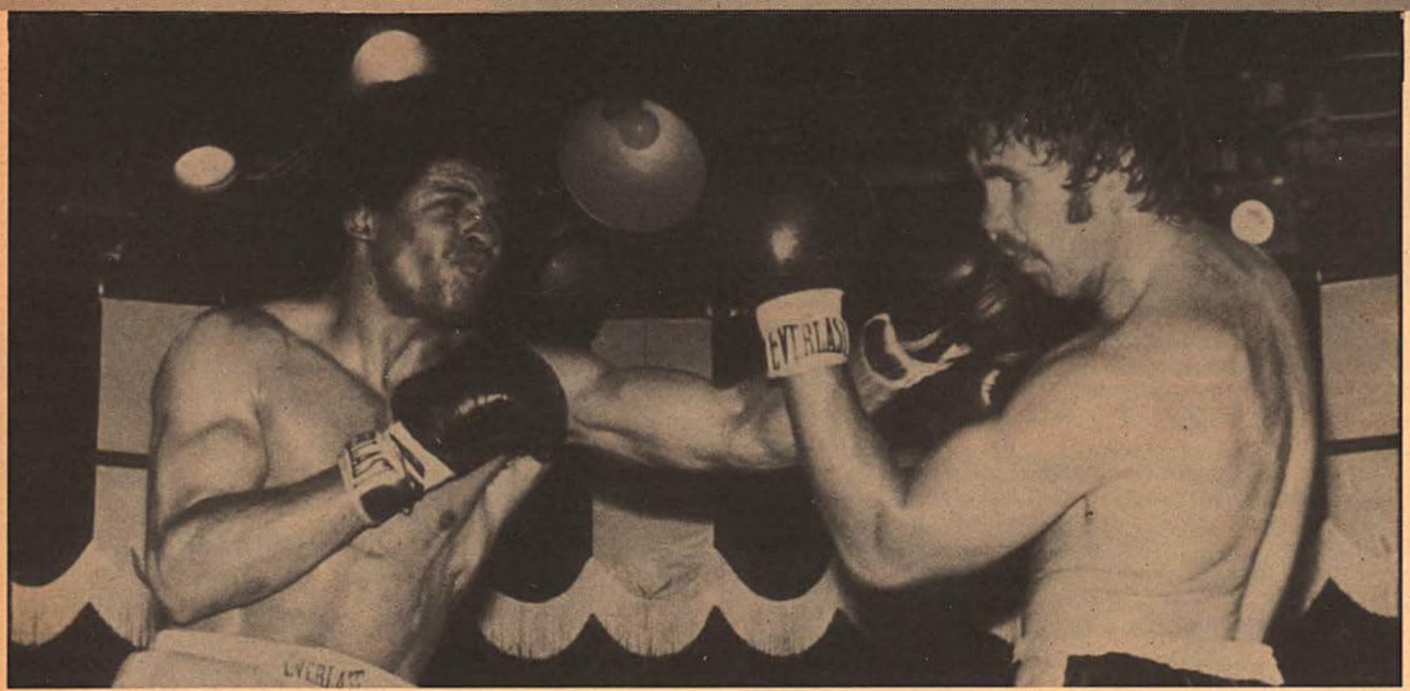
# COTTON PICKING WAS OUT, SAYS BOUDREAUX



**Texas' Johnny Boudreaux snaps a left to the face of Terry Daniels enroute to a unanimous ten round decision over Daniels in Houston, on June 4, 1974.**

By HARLAN HAAS

HOUSTON, TEX. — Johnny Boudreaux is acknowledged to be one of the best of the 'new breed' of heavyweights. Some consider him the best because of his speed of hand and foot. He may become the best of the lot because Boudreaux, like Ali, has things to say. In other words, if he continues to stand up he could be big box office.

The glib tongued Boudreaux has yet to taste defeat as a paid boxer encompassing 18 trips to the post. Primarily a gifted boxer with a paint brush left and super fantastic reflexes, he is beginning to come on in the punching department.

The Texas heavyweight champion, from Houston, was born on July 17, 1952, in Lafayette, Louisiana (Johnny says it was the nearest charity hospital). Joseph and Catherine Boudreaux had a small farm in Church Point, Louisiana, and grew cotton among other things.

"Cotton I recall best, because I had to pick so much of it as a kid," Johnny grimaces. "I was five years old when I had my first thoughts about boxing. I recall the TV fights, and remember seeing the Griffith-Paret fight, and seeing Sugar Ray Robinson, Kid Gavilan and others. I was fascinated by boxing and could hardly wait for the next week to roll around," Boudreaux reminisces.

"I remember telling my dad when I was seven or eight, after watching a TV fight, that I aimed to be champion of the world someday. I'll never forget my dad laughing and saying 'Son, the way you pick cotton you'll never make it as a boxer, not even as a beginner.' I laughed, too," Johnny fondly remembers, and adds, "I wasn't a very good cotton picker I must admit, but then that wasn't my bag."

In 1964, when Johnny was 12, the Boudreaux family packed up their belongings and left the farm and Church Point to move to Houston. Johnny had already tried on the boxing gloves on more than one occasion in school, but it was December of 1965 when he saw his first real boxing gymnasium.

"I heard about the Red Shield Boy's Club operated by the Salvation Army, so I went there. I met a man named Moses Vaquero who became my first trainer," Boudreaux said.

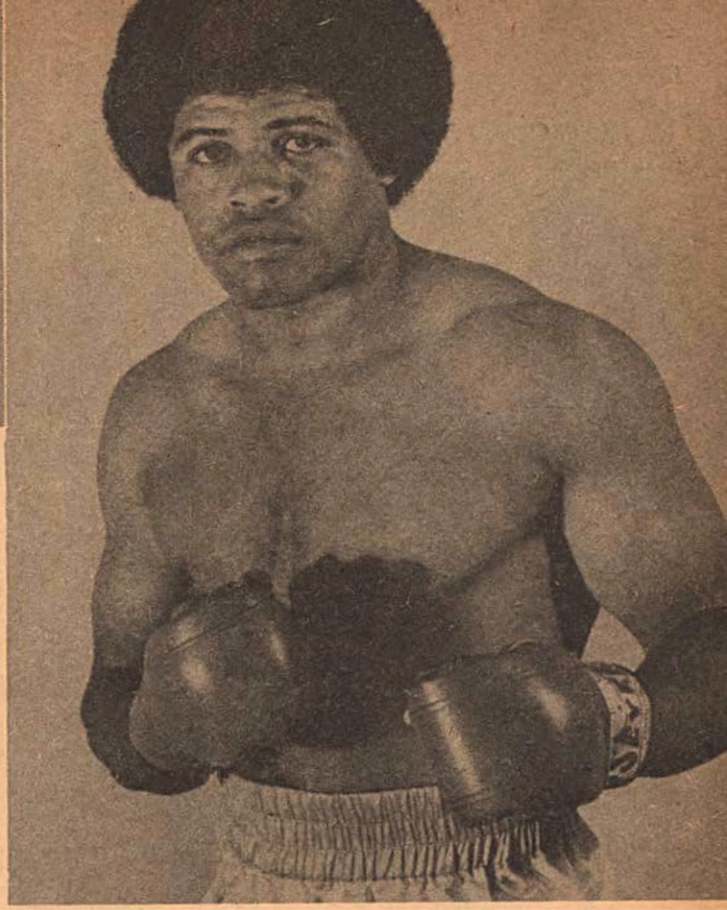
"Also met a gruff talking dude who must've been all of 17 years old, but man, he was the king of the amateur fighters training there. He weighed 200 pounds. They called him Cookie, and he took a real interest in me (this was Cookie Wallace who lost a 12-round decision to Boudreaux for the Texas title 2/10/75 in Dallas)," Boudreaux thinks back.

He had his first amateur fight in January 1966 against some kid from the Magnolia Y and won. "Afterwards, Moses told everyone that I was Muhammad Ali's cousin because I already had his style," Boudreaux recalls.

"I met Robert Bish, the only manager I've ever known, in October of 1966. Moses Vaquero had dropped out of sight around the Boy's Club. Bish happened to come by the club looking for a place

# The articulate heavyweight champion of Texas has an undefeated pro career

The partnership of manager Robert Bish, left, and Johnny Boudreaux has been a flawless one. They met in 1966 when Boudreaux was fourteen years old.



The 6 foot 3 inch tall, 210 pound Boudreaux has said of his boyhood idol, Muhammad Ali, "I'm prettier than he is."

to train his brother Johnny, and was talked into training all of the kids at the club. He took over the training of 30 kids, and I was in the bunch," Boudreaux reflects.

Bish recalls, "Of all the youngsters in the gym, Boudreaux was the most interested, and he was there every day and was very courteous. It wasn't long before Johnny had introduced me to his family. They're close. Johnny and I have been together ever since."

They stayed at Red Shield until March of 1968. "By that time Johnny was 15, and he had advanced so fast that I knew he was ready to make the move to a pro gym. For him to improve I knew this was a must," Bish nods. They made the move to the pro gym located on Louisiana Street in downtown Houston at the time.

The late Martin Henrich was Johnny's first trainer at the pro gym. He is now trained by Al "Potato Pie" Bolden, a one-time pro welterweight in the 1950's.

"At the age of 17, I sparred with George Foreman and Sonny Liston. My trainer was apprehensive about my working with Sonny, but it was an honor for me—a kid from Church Point—to work with him. I sparred many rounds with Dave Zyglewicz, Big Cat Cleve Williams, Mark Tessman, and must've worked 500 rounds with my friend Manny Gonzalez. I still spar quite often with him," Boudreaux smiles.

Altogether as an amateur, Boudreaux won 77, lost only 7 fights against the top simon pures in the U.S. Johnny won the 1969 Texas Golden Glove light-heavy championship and advanced to the Nationals held in Kansas City that year. He was only 16, but made it to the quarter finals. He again advanced to the Nationals held in Ft. Worth in 1971, and among others he beat Mike Weaver before losing to Felton Woods, a lefty from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Boudreaux took third place. He was the 1972 Regional Golden Glove heavyweight champion, and turned to the pro ranks in early 1973.

He gave Elgie Walters a boxing lesson over the six round distance in winning his first pro start at Beaumont, Texas, on February 12, 1973.

It has been like that ever since. The talented kid who didn't like picking cotton has been giving people boxing lessons in the ring. This is his bag, and he loves it.

Johnny had too much speed and quickness for Oliver Wright in an excellent 10-rounder at the Houston Music Theatre in early 1974. He bombarded Bob Avery with an assortment of punches to win by a two round knockout, and outclassed a game but bloody Terry Daniels in 10.

In late 1974, he copped a unanimous 10-round decision from Scrapiron Johnson at the Houston Coliseum. Some thought it was a complete shutout over the rugged West Coast heavy. Johnson seemed to be punching at a phantom all evening as the speedy Boudreaux taunted him and moved about peppering his burly foe with jabs and combination punches that had the big guy completely frustrated at the fight's end. A few months later Johnson lost what some say was an unpopular decision in Honolulu to Jerry Quarry, and this year Scrapiron boxed a 10-round draw with Scott Ledoux who has lost but once, and that by two round knockout to Cookie Wallace, another Boudreaux victim.

Then came another easy 10-round decision over Koli Vallea at

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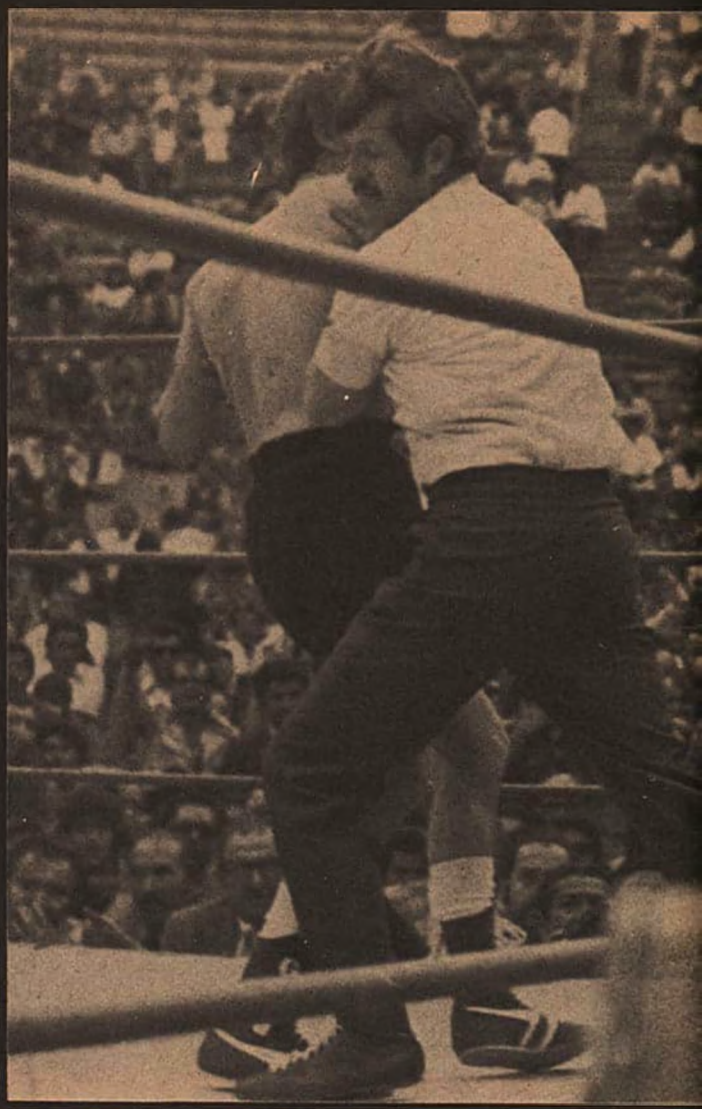
By RON OLVER



# NOW JOHN H. STRACEY WILL HAVE TIME FOR GOLF

LONDON, ENGLAND — It was just like fiction. The youngster consoles his older stablemate, who has just been beaten in his world title shot, with the words — "Don't worry. One day I'll win that title for us."

But fiction became fact when John H. Stracey kayoed champion Jose Napoles in the latter's own country of Mexico, to win the world welter title and to avenge a defeat suffered by his buddy Ralph Charles against Napoles three years earlier.

John was only the fourth British-born boxer to win a world title abroad, the others being Bob Fitzsimmons, Ted Kid Lewis and Ken Buchanan.

No wonder there was a champagne breakfast at the Sportsman's Club awaiting John when he returned to London, after which he was driven through the streets of the East End, where he lives with his mother and father in a council flat, with thousands of fans and well-wishers cheering him all the way.

**England's John Stracey jubilantly mixes with the fans at ringside, wearing the WBC world welterweight championship belt he won from Jose Napoles.**

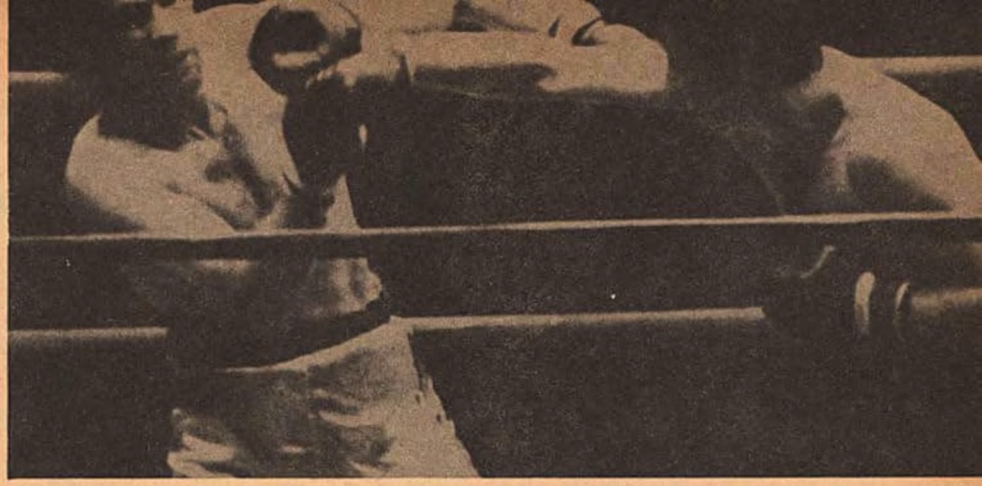
It was truly a Royal procession for King John.

His response was typical of the lad. "People in the East End are the greatest in the whold world," he declared. "They played a vital part in my title victory, and now they rightly share my success and happiness."

Since then there have been the usual celebrations, and he has been feted extensively. There was an immediate civic reception at Bethnal Green, where he resides, which was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Tower Hamlets. There have been "Guest Of Honour" appearances at the Yorkshire TV Awards Dinner, the Anglo-American Club, the Royal Albert Hall promotion, a luncheon given in his honour by the Boxing Writers' Club, and a fine reception at the Annual Dinner of the same club.

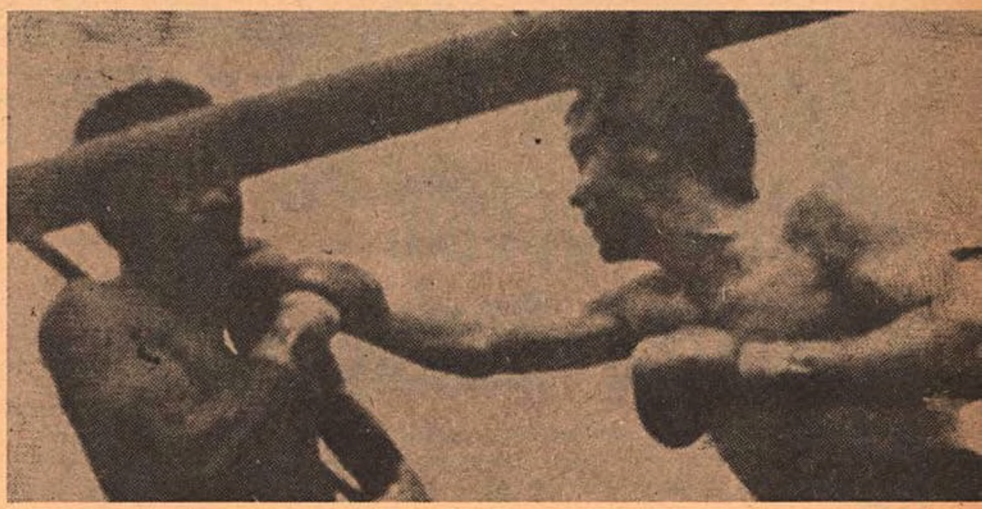
All this Stracey has taken in his stride. His size in hats remains the same. He has always been modest, but at the same time is possessed of an enormous amount of confidence, belief in himself and in his ability to succeed.

One of his first thoughts was to try to persuade his pa-



# THEN AND NOW

**(Above) Stracey, right, won the European welterweight title from Roger Mentrey, France, left, on May 27, 1974, with an eighth round KO in Paris. (Below) Sixth round action shows Stracey belting Napoles into the ropes, just prior to the bout's stoppage.**



**Referee Octavio Mayran steps between John Stracey, left, and Jose Napoles, right, to stop their Mexico City fight in round six to give Stracey the world welterweight crown.**

rents, Betty and Dave Stracey, to move into a house which he would purchase for them.

His father has retired now, but his mother is a social worker still, and John said with determination, "With four children and seven grandchildren it's time she eased up."

Manager Terry Lawless has always had faith in John, and on the numerous occasions we have talked, he has stressed the champion's determination, dedication and ability.

You may say that all managers talk that way, but I could sense that Terry considered John someone special in the boxing game.

Nevertheless, if you're a boxing writer you don't go overboard in print until a boxer deserves it, and although John has always been a good British champion, I wasn't too sure about his ability to beat Napoles until the night I watched him on TV, direct from France, win the European title by stopping champion Roger Menetrey.

John was terrific that night. Everything he did was right, and he convinced me that we had a potential world champ.

But let's get things in chronological order. John was born in Dagenham, Essex, on September 22, 1950, and the family moved to the East End of London twelve months later.

His father had boxed, and encouraged John to do the same. There followed a successful amateur career, starting with the Berner Boxing Club, then in turn to Robert Browning BC, Stepney St. Georges BC, and finally to Repton BC.

Honours as a Junior included two Schools national titles, two National Association of Boys' Clubs titles, and two National Junior Amateur Boxing Association championships.

He was now 17 years old and a Senior. On his first tilt at a National Amateur Boxing Association crown he reached the semi-final stage, only to be stopped in the first round by Scot Jim Watt, who is currently the British professional lightweight champion.

They were boxing lightweight that night too, and John just walked into one. It happens to the best.

What made matters worse was that he lost his job as a Stock Exchange messenger for taking (without permission) time off to box in the championships.

Then came a lucky break. It was Olympic year (1968), and doubts were cast on Watt's ability to make the weight. So Stracey was invited to take part in a trial bout, which he won.

Many thought John was too young for the Olympics, but another school of thought opined that if you're good enough you're old enough. Unfortunately for John, he was drawn in the Second Series against American Ron Harris, the eventual Gold Medallist, so no disgrace in losing.

So that was his first taste of Mexico, and no doubt he remembered this when beating Napoles. What a difference seven years had made.

Back to Britain, and another attempt to win the National ABA title. He boxed his way confidently through the qualifying rounds, only to suffer an ankle injury that was diagnosed as torn ligaments.

The pain was intense, and his club trainer Tony Burns had the bright idea

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**The 1975 National Indian Boxing Team. From left to right are: Earl Gentry, Business Manager, Charles Buckanaga, Coach, Gary Kenny, Joe Snell, George Dubray, Ron Melchirt, Junior Albeis, Billy Turner, Kevin Perrault, James Burrell, Dennis Danfort, Jim Uigue, and Robey Willis, Trainer.**

# Indians Become Organized Boxing Fans

**By ROBEY WILLIS**

"BOXING will never die. It is inherent in man," the late Nat Fleischer, founder of RING MAGAZINE, stated many times.

The old sport, one the Greeks included in the original Olympic Games, has often gone nearly dormant only to rise out of the ashes time and time again.

The 1975 *Ring Record Book* had a record number of active boxers listed. The National AAU Tournament had a record 367 entries as its 1975 running in Shreveport, Louisiana.

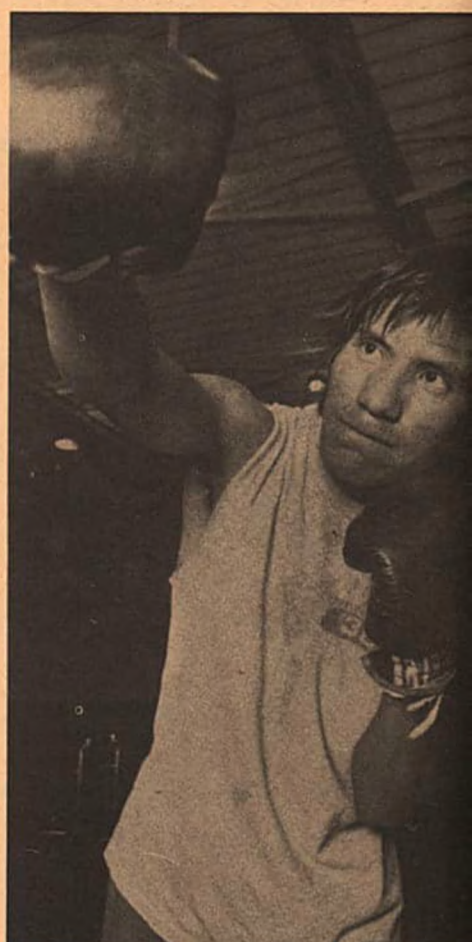
This latest boxing renaissance has sports editors scurrying to find sociological reasons why. The major reason being advanced is that economic hard times bring young men into the gym. They turn to the ring with the hope that it will make money for them. And, just as the era of the Great Depression saw a tremendous influx of hopeful boxers, it's thought that the country's current economic turmoil may be causing this regeneration of interest in the sport.

The famed humorist-sociologist Murray Goldman speculated on this matter years ago. He observed that when minority races, having been repressed, get restless and decide they want a slice of the American Pie, the two sources invariably turned to are education and sports — especially boxing. These two ladders out of the mire of poverty have been used by nearly all the major ethnic groups in the U.S.: the Irish, Jews, Italians, Blacks. And, now the American Indian is making the same bid for social and economic equality.

According to the 1970 census, the number of American Indians made up less than ½% of the U.S. population. The once thought to be "vanishing race," however, is now the fastest growing minority group in the United States. With this growth has been a new vitality in leadership and a new demand to regain "what is ours." Sometimes this demand has erupted into violence resulting in uncomplimentary publicity. However, much constructive action has taken place on and off the reservations.

Goldman's theory that education and boxing invariably come into play in this type of attempt at upward mobility is proving itself once again. The number of Indians in colleges and universities these last several years has been growing at an astonishingly rapid rate despite a general tapering off in college attendance by the rest of the population. The growth in the number of Indian young men in the boxing gyms in the West is equally amazing.

Vern Woodward, who will be the 1975 Pan-American coach, and who was formerly the



**Ira Ortega readies himself for the NIAA Tournament.**

**(Above) Coach Robey Willis gives some pointers to lightweight Billy Turner, center, and flyweight James Burrell, right. (Right) Rich White, left, and Arnold Sam exchange blows during an elimination bout which Sam won. (Below) The U.S.S.R.'s Bakhtoy Sapeyev, left, decisioned Indian Lionel Harney, on January 21, 1975.**

coach of the great University of Wisconsin boxing teams of the 1940's and 50's, recognized this increasing desire of more American Indians wanting to box.

So did Alex Askinette, a Monominee Indian from Neopit, Wisconsin, and friend of Vern's.

When the new National Indian Activities Association was being formed, Alex and Vern saw in this organization the potential to popularize boxing among young Indians. In fact, at initial organizational meetings of the NIAA, Alex would emphatically pound the table and shout, "You need boxing! Boxing!"

Three sports were eventually decided on for the NIAA's opening year in 1974: men's basketball, rodeo and boxing. Men's basketball got off to a good start. They had a national tournment for All-Indian basketball teams and sent a team to the National AAU Basketball Tourney. Rodeo had some organizational problems that are still in the process of being ironed out. And, Alex and Vern got the boxing program started on a limited basis.

The foundation was laid and the precedent set when the first National Indian Boxing Tournament was held at the University of Wisconsin, where Woodward is the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The first tournament was held May 30, 31 and June 1, 1974. It barely got off the ground, and only 38 boxers showed up. But Alex and Vern knew they had to start some place and went through with the tournament despite the small entry. They were able to crown champions in all eleven AAU weight divisions. However, the young organization was not yet financially able to send their winners to the National AAU Tournament.

The 1975 Indian Tournament, it was decided, would move further West to the Stewart Indian School near Carson City, Nevada, and a Seneca Indian, Earl Gentry, plant management foreman at the school, was named Tournament Director. Gentry had been the assistant boxing coach at Stewart for six years and is currently serving as an Inspector for the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

Over the years, Earl had made many contacts with Indian coaches throughout the country. Through much letter-writing and many phone calls, the number of entries more than tripled (125) the preceeding year's tally. By weigh-in time the day before the tournament, 84 boys, representing 15 states and Canada, were ready to box.

The boys also represented 22 tribles, with the Canadians contributing the most colorful names. They were the Blood Indians from Standoff, Alberta. Included on the Blood team were Brent Prarie Chicken, Hugh Calf Robe Jr. and Warner Scout.

Four school teams participated. They were Chilloco Indian School, Chilloco, Oklahoma; Flandreau Indian School, Flandreau, South Dakota; the famed Haskell Indian School, Lawr-

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# WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 15, 1976

## HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

MUHAMMAD ALI ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
2—GEORGE FOREMAN† ..... Hayward, Calif.
3—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4—JOE FRAZIER ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5—DUANE BOBICK ..... Bowlus, Minn.
6—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
7—EARNIE SHAVERS ..... Warren, Ohio
8—LARRY HOLMES ..... Scranton, Pa.
9—CHUCK WEPNER ..... Bayonne, N.J.
10—JOHNNY BOUDREAUX ..... Houston, Texas

## LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**
TITLE VACANT

1—VICTOR GALINDEZ* ..... Argentina
2—JOHN CONTEH** ..... England
3—RICHIE KATES ..... Brighton, N.J.
4—LEN HUTCHINS† ..... Detroit, Mich.
5—TOM BETHEA ..... New York, N.Y.
6—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... New York, N.Y.
7—ALVARO LOPEZ ..... Stockton, Calif.
8—JESSIE BURNETT ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—DOMENICO ADINOLFI ..... Italy
10—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.

## MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

CARLOS MONZON* ..... Argentina
1—RODRIGO VALDEZ** ..... Colombia
2—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
3—GEORGE COOPER ..... Oakland, Calif.
4—TONY LICATA† ..... New Orleans, La.
5—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
6—WILLIE MONROE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7—BOBBY WATTS ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8—EMILE GRIFFITH ..... New York, N.Y.
9—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10—EUGENE HART ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

## JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

JAE DO YUH ..... South Korea
1—ELISH OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas
2—GENE WELLS ..... Orlando, Fla.
3—MIGUEL DE OLIVIERA ..... Brazil
4—ECKHART DAGGE ..... Germany
5—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
6—KOICHI WAJIMA ..... Japan
7—MIGUEL CAMPANINO ..... Argentina
8—MIKE BAKER ..... Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
9—PERRY ABNER ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10—LEO SAENZ ..... Baltimore, Md.

## WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

JOHN STRACEY** ..... England
1—ANGEL ESPADA* ..... Puerto Rico
2—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
3—ARMANDO MUNIZ† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—JOSE NAPOLES ..... Mexico
5—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
6—PETE RANZANY ..... Sacramento, Calif.
7—BRUNO ARCARI ..... Italy
8—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.
9—FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
10—CARLOS PALOMINO ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

## JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
1—ADOLPH VIRUET† ..... Puerto Rico
2—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
3—MONROE BROOKS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—HECTOR THOMPSON ..... Australia
5—LOU BIZZARRO ..... Erie, Pa.
6—NICOLINO LOCHE ..... Argentina
7—CEMAL KAMACIA ..... Austria
8—ESTEBAN DeJESUS ..... Puerto Rico
9—CARLOS GIMINEZ ..... Argentina
10—MIGUEL BARRETO ..... Puerto Rico

## LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

ROBERTO DURAN* ..... Panama
1—RAY LAMPKIN† ..... Portland, Ore.
2—ANGEL MAYORAL ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
3—ISHIMATSU SUZUKI** ..... Japan
4—HECTOR MEDINA ..... Puerto Rico
5—BUZZSAW YAMABA ..... Japan
6—VICENTE SALDIVAR ..... Mexico
7—JEAN-BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE ..... France
8—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9—RUDY HERNANDEZ ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico

## JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

BEN VILLAFLOR* ..... Philippines
1—TYRONE EVERETT† ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
2—ALFREDO ESCALERA** ..... Puerto Rico
3—SAMUEL SERRANO ..... Puerto Rico
4—RONNIE McGARVEY ..... Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
5—SVEN-ERIC PAULSEN ..... Norway
6—VILLOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
7—APOLLO YOSHIO ..... Japan
8—KUNIAKI SHIBATA ..... Japan
9—RAY LUNNY III ..... San Francisco, Calif.
10—NORMAN GOINS ..... Indianapolis, Ind.

## FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

ALEXIS ARGUELLO* ..... Nicaragua
1—ART HAFEY ..... Canada
2—DAVID POISON KOTEY** ..... Ghana
3—DANNY LOPEZ† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4—ELIO COTINA ..... Italy
5—LIONEL HERNANDEZ ..... Venezeuela
6—SHIG FUKUYAMA ..... Japan
7—OCTAVIO GOMEZ ..... Mexico
8—RIGOBERTO RIASCO ..... Panama
9—ARNOLD TAYLOR ..... South Africa
10—RUBEN OLIVARES ..... Mexico

## BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

ALFONSO ZAMORA* ..... Mexico
1—RODOLFO MARTINEZ** ..... Mexico
2—CARLOS ZARATE ..... Mexico
3—EUSEBIO PEDROZA ..... Panama
4—SOO HWAN HONG ..... South Korea
5—PAUL FERRERI ..... Australia
6—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
7—PADDY MAGUIRE ..... Ireland
8—DANIEL TROULAIRE ..... France
9—ANDRES HERNANDEZ ..... Puerto Rico
10—LEO CRUZ ..... Dominican Rep.

## FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
1—BETULIO GONZALEZ ..... Venezeula
2—ERBITO SALAVARRIA* ..... Philippines
3—IGNACIO ESPINAL ..... Dominican Rep.
4—LUIS ESTABE ..... Venzeuela
5—JAIME RIOS ..... Panama
6—ALBERTO MORALES ..... Mexico
7—FRANCO SPERTI ..... Italy
8—PABLO JIMINEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
9—SHOJI OGUMA ..... Japan
10—ALFONSO LOPEZ ..... Panama

# GEORGE FOREMAN
## FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

GEORGE Foreman won the fighter of the month award with his win over Denver's Ron Lyle in Las Vegas, Nev. This was George's first defense of his U.S. heavyweight title. Foreman moved up to the No. 2 spot in the world rankings.

Ken Norton is still on top of the heavyweight division, scoring a fifth round kayo over Argentine's Pedro Lovell, also held in Las Vegas.

Joe Bugner's retirement left a spot open in the heavyweight division. This was filled by undefeated Johnny Boudreaux of Houston, Texas. Also moving in to the top ten is another undefeated young tiger, named Larry Holmes, from Scranton, Pa. Holmes is ranked 8th, while Boudreaux is 10th.

Runner-ups for boxer of the month are; Ken Norton, Ben Villaflor; Jaime Rios, Vito Antuofermo and Alexis Arguello.

Villaflor outpointed Japanese boxer by the name of Morito Kashiwaba over 15 rounds in Tokyo, Japan, world junior lightweight title bout.

Panama's Jaime Rios defended his W.B.A. junior flyweight title with a 15 round nod over another Japanese boxer, Kazunori Tenryu.

Italy's Vito Antuofermo, now out of New York City, won the European junior middleweight title by defeating champion Eckhart Dagge, Germany in 15 rounds, in Berlin.

World featherweight champion Alexis Arguello, Nicaragua, stopped Mexican Saul Montana in three rounds, at Managua, a non-title contest.

There are many new faces in the ratings this month. Eugene Hart moves into the ten spot in the middleweight division; Baltimore's Leo Saenz, who holds a win over the U.S. Champion Mike Baker is 10 in the junior middleweights; Carlos Palomino, Los Angeles, Calif. moves into the welterweight ratings after boxing a draw with Hedgemon Lewis; Puerto Rico's Miguel Barreto returns to the junior welters, he defeated Alfonso Hayman in Philadelphia, Edwin Viruet, who lost to Roberto Duran moves into the lightweight.

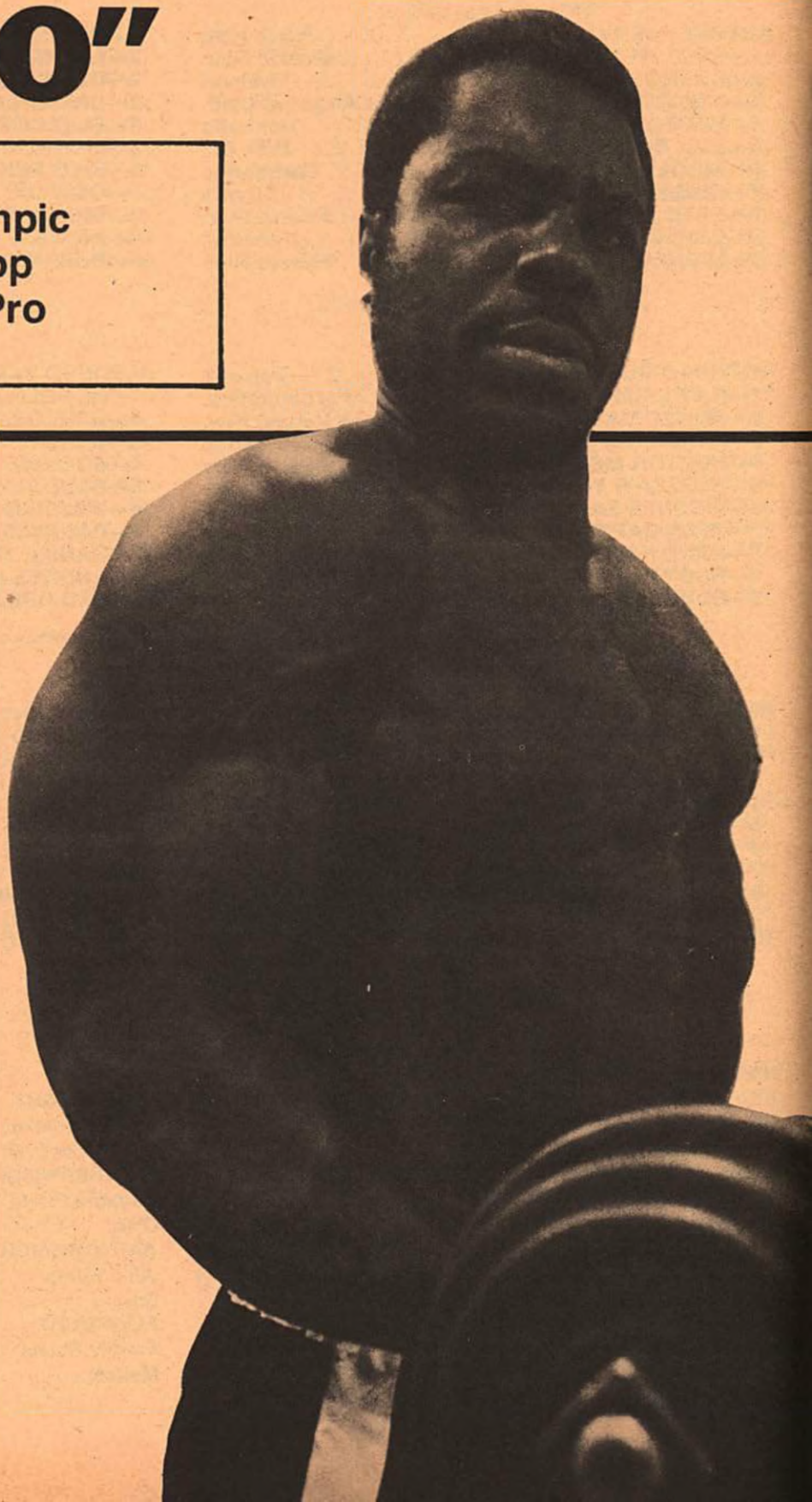
**Champions: *WBA **WBC †U.S.**

## PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

| NAMES | Pro Debut | Total Bouts | Won | Lost | Draw | KO's |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **HEAVYWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Bill Sharkey** Queens, New York, N.Y. | 10/74 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| **LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Miguel Cuello** Argentina | 2/75 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| **MIDDLEWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Bob Payton** Camden, N.J. | 3/74 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| **WELTERWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Wayne Beale** San Diego, Calif. | 4/75 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| **LIGHTWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Pedro Constancio** San Diego, Calif. | 7/75 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| **FEATHERWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Eduardo Prieto** Chile | 3/75 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| **BANTAMWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Julio Rubio** Spain | 2/75 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| **FLYWEIGHT** | | | | | | |
| **Freddy Rocha** Mexico | 1/75 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 4 |

# JOLIET'S CONVICT "JUMBO"

## Aims for Olympic Title And Top Laurels As Pro



**By NEIL MILBERT**

JOLIET, ILL. — Only a few have seen secret weapon 61681. He has been tested just three times.

Those who have seen him agree; he is awesome.

So awesome that some insist he is capable of regaining for the United States a prized possession it relinquished in a Munich boxing ring—the Olympic heavyweight gold medal.

He is one of the most closely guarded secret weapons in the state of Illinois kept under lock and key.

Secret weapon 61681 spends most of each day confined to a 6 x 10-foot cell in the Stateville maximum security prison near Joliet. He is a convicted murderer, serving a 50 to 75-year sentence.

His name is Floyd Cummings.

However, those of the 1,656 inmates who know him call him "Jumbo" and he likes it that way.

"I didn't get convicted under the name 'Jumbo'," he tells you. "When they call me 'Jumbo' I feel more like a free man. Floyd Cummings was the 17-year-old boy who was convicted. Jumbo is the person I am now."

At age 25 he is an unbelievable physical specimen.

"Jumbo" stands 6-2 and weighs 234 pounds. Yet his waist measures only 32½ inches. Rock-hard ridges of muscle jut from his back and chest. Calves, legs, and thighs are something out of a Greek sculpture text. Biceps seem silicone-injected.

In a sense, the mind that motivates this magnificent body is more fascinating. Motivates is an understatement. It is almost as if

(Left) Floyd "Jumbo" Cummings, the man with a big punch, who hopes to go from prison to sit on the throne of the heavyweight champion of the world. (Below) Cummings sits in ring corner surrounded, left to right, by Richard Hutcherson, a middleweight, Jesse Vail, Supervisor of Recreation, Leroy Adams, Physical Educational Teacher, and Otis Young, the Physical Educator for Statesville Prison.

Jumbo is possessed. Not in the demonic sense, but aflame with a seemingly insatiable craving for athletic competition.

This obsession has culminated in his quest to become the finest heavyweight boxer on the face of the earth.

Three fights—less than 18 minutes in the ring—do not provide conclusive evidence as to his capabilities.

Yet, on the basis of what he has accomplished in those three matches, dare one say he is merely a Don Quixote?

Jumbo began boxing in June 1974. A federal grant had made it possible for Jesse Vail, the prison's supervisor of recreation and physical education, to convert a dining room into an all-purpose gym.

"I was deep into lifting the irons (weightlifting and power-lifting), but I knew there was a dude in Russia pressing 500 and 700 pounds," recalls Cummings. "So, when they said we were going to have boxing I said to myself, 'I'll take the easy way and take up boxing'."

Jumbo's first assignment might be likened to giving a precocious first grader some long division. Boxing Coach Vince Catarello brought in opponents from outside and Jumbo found himself in the ring with Billy Boy Thompson.

Billy Boy's right hand has been compared to a Mack truck. (He once decked George Foreman and he outslugged Ron Lyle in the 1970 National Golden Gloves en route to the heavyweight title.)

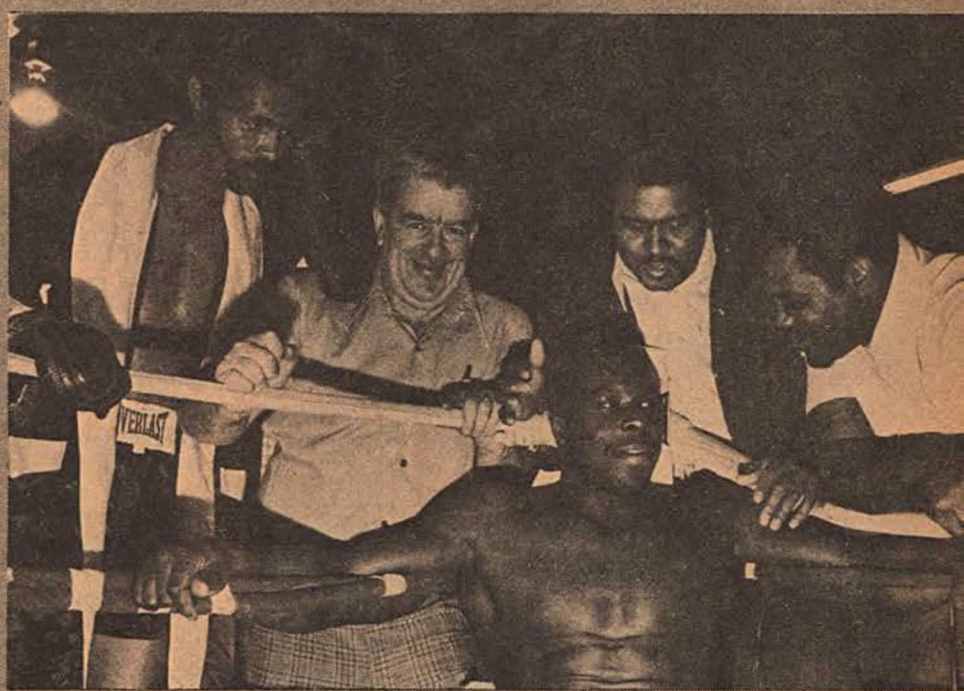
And, like the Mack truck, Thompson has mileage on him.

Beginners just don't beat Billy Boy Thompson.

But Jumbo did—by decision.

Billy Boy wanted a rematch and got one. Again the decision went to Jumbo. If anything it was more compelling. This time he decked Thompson for an eight-count.

Next, they brought in Grady Daniels, an overpowering winner in last summer's Ohio State Fair Tournament and in Chicago's Catholic Youth Organization Classic in November.




For two rounds they fought on even terms. Then, in the third and final round, Jumbo connected with a shot to the jaw. Daniels went down. . . and out!

"Anybody who fights me is going to get crushed in that third round," Jumbo asserts. "I want my fights to go at least two rounds. I'm out there to learn as much as I can. I train too hard just to go out there and knock a dude out."

It is doubtful that any boxer in America—amateur or professional—trains as hard as this handsome young man who has spent his adult life behind bars.

Reveille is 5:30 a.m. Jumbo begins every day the same way—by doing 300 situps.

On this day, because he has a visitor, Jumbo curtails his schedule. He is unable to run six miles at noon. He foregoes his customary dips with 100-pound weights.

It is a light training day, relatively speaking. He boxes four rounds against two opponents, then goes to the basement beneath the gym and bench-presses 400 pounds 10 times. Then, he dons boxing gloves again and begins shadow boxing in front of a mirror.

Watching him intently is his best friend, Vic Washington.

"Vic lives in the next cell," Jumbo explains. "We stay up and rap until 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning.

Lotta cats think I'm crazy—that I've gone punchy the way I sit there and stare at the boxing pictures on my wall and read all those boxing books.

"Not Vic, though. He knows what goes on in my mind. He's like my own coach and trainer. He sees things and he reads things and he tells me and they help me. Vic ain't no fighter. He's a good baseball player and he's good at painting—real good. But he's sacrificed painting to help me. I'll never forget what he's doing for me.

"I got all the tools except one—experience. Someday I'll have that experi-

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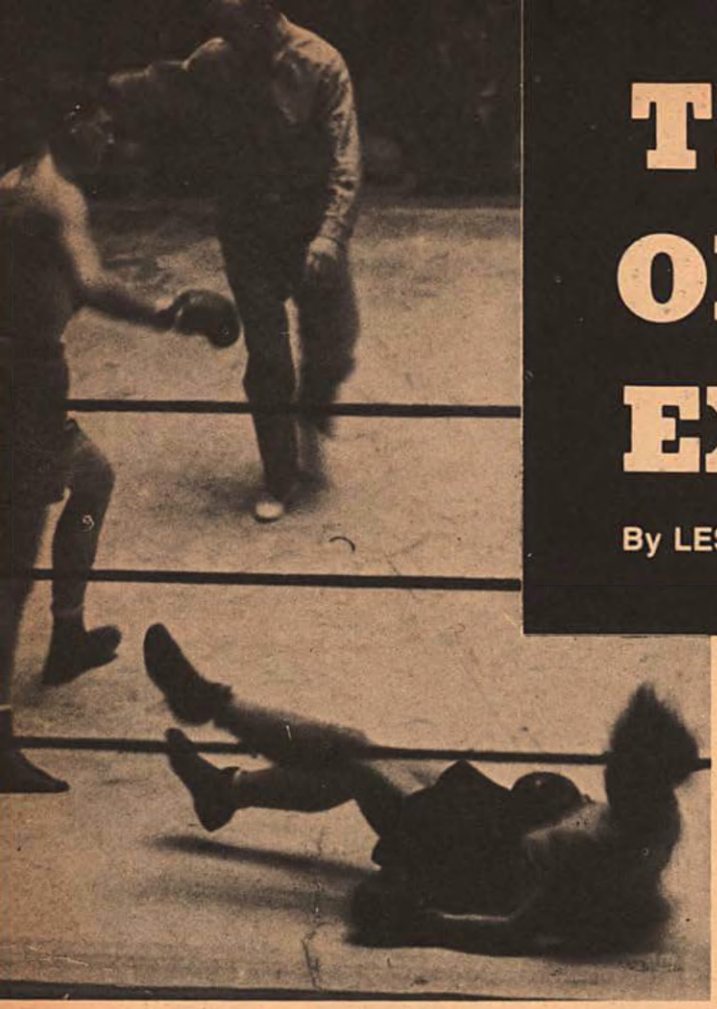
# THE NIGHT OF THE BIG EXPLOSION

By LESTER BROMBERG



Jimmy Braddock knocks out Tuffy Griffin, Long Island City Bowl, June 14th, 1933. The explosion took place in the second round.

ONCE upon a time — it has an old, familiar ring, doesn't it? — you can pick out a moment when a fighter finally explodes. It happens somewhere, sometime. It is the touch of glamor lighting up the sky.

For example, there was the uninspiring beforehand background which found Muhammad Ali at Zaire, against the then imposing figure of George Foreman. The old heavyweight champion going overseas in a seemingly hopeless quest with little to recommend him. Two poor fights against Ken Norton to further delineate his sour picture. What was he asking for — a final beating against the seemingly unbeatable young hurler of rocks?

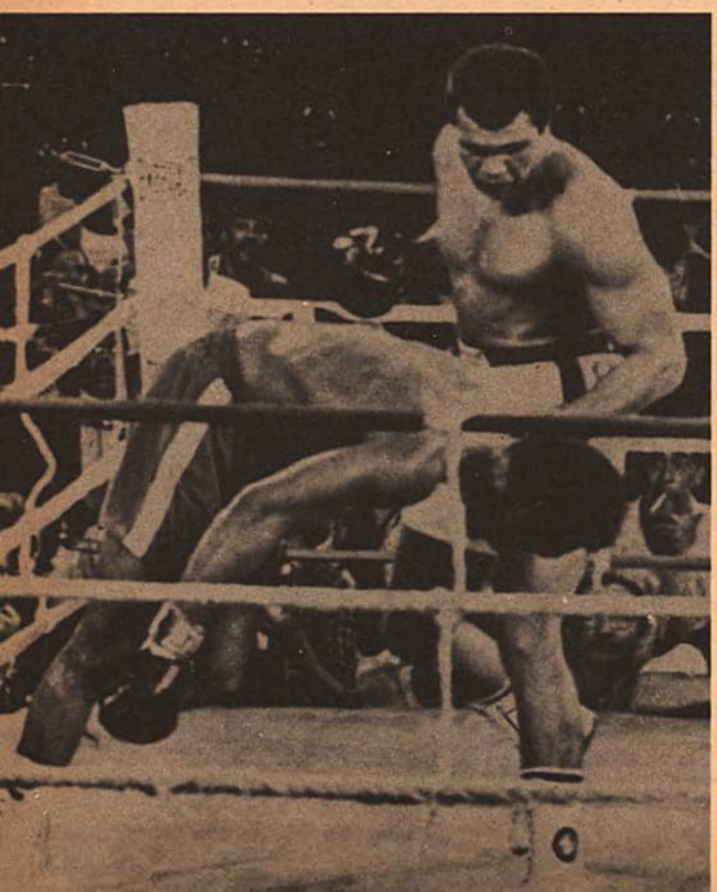
It was a dark sky, under the circumstances, and one could have wondered what was going on in his ever highly imaginative mind. Should this veteran of some ten years or more have been inwardly convinced that his number was up? Was this proud, genuinely handsome man of the ring beginning to realize that Foreman's capacity for quick and ruthless violence was apt to go to work savagely on him with lumps, bruises and frightening cuts?

The answer, of course, will never be known. Ali's personal fears are as deeply hidden as his outward boastings public. And, don't kid yourself, the foreboding had to be there . . . after so many signal flags had been rung up as to the telltales of heavy hauling over the hard, hard highway.

But came the mighty surprise. His switch in tactics against Foreman, his lolling against the ropes, his pulling the eye teeth of the confused giant and his final caving-in of the by then exhausted, powerless youth, they were there in a strategic sunburst. How sweet it was, particularly after the trepidations he must have undergone in the first few moments when he, Muhammad Ali, really didn't know whether he was going to put it together.

That was the hub of it in Ali's all-time ring personality, the time when he delivered. He's still on the forbidding side of 30, and that can't help, and there's a foreboding that his time may eventually come. But they can't ever take it away from him: the glorious night to remember, the Miracle of Zaire.

Another Miracle hit the stars 40 years ago. Heavyweight Jim Braddock was the man. His story illustrates how a fighter can



Muhammad Ali, regains title Oct. 30, 1974, defeating George Foreman in the eighth round, as Foreman goes down for the count of ten, after Ali exploded with a series of lefts and rights.

bump along for years without making waves and then suddenly make it.

Braddock had been a first rate journeyman light heavyweight through the 1920's. He never won the crown, though challenging for the title against Tommy Loughran. He was forever pock-marked with ill luck when he started to move against heavies. He blew decisions, twice to Leo Lomski, twice to Joe Sekyra.

He had the added handicap of financial trouble. It got so bad he and Mae and family had to go on relief. Jim and his manager, the ever faithful Joe Gould, looked up at the fight world through the bottom of a well caused by unhappy fights and poor, infrequent payoffs.

One night fighting against Abe Feldman for peanuts at Mount Vernon, N.Y., (1933), his style mis-jelled so horrendously that the referee threw them out of the ring after the sixth round, ruling it no-contest.

Now he had the mark of the albatross around his neck—a stinker's reputation.

Yet less than a year later, in fact in his next fight, he came through with a smashing second-round knockout of Corn Griffin. But fate already was pointing the way: the night he met Griffin in the Long Island City Bowl, June 14, 1933, was the night Max Baer dropped Primo Carnera ten times for a 11th round knockout to win the championship.

There were other steps which had to be clambered. Jim beat John Henry Lewis late in 1934, he beat Art Lasky in early 1935 but on the fourth step it happened.

He got the match with Baer, a lucky 13th of June, 1935, for him. It was treated as a royal joke, the pricemakers made it 10 to 1 Baer.

How could this earnest plodder, inconsistent at that, be compared with the colorful, smashing young slugger Maxie?

And they didn't know the worst about Braddock. He had arthritis coursing through his body, he had aches on top of his aches. At the same time he was hungry. You don't have to be told how he boxed warily for 15 rounds and foiled the man of power who was to have crushed him.

It all came together when he had to have it. Braddock came to be known as the Cinderella Man, the 30-year-old has-been come alive.

One remembers a then shocking crack Baer made on radio, incidentally. Quote, "I'm glad for Jim's sake he won, he's a family man and I don't have any children, not that I know of." Unquote.

Another interesting — and belated — blossoming of the cauliflower occurred at a surprising juncture in Jersey Joe Walcott's career. He already was 37 years old and a veteran of two 15-round heavyweight title fights with Ezzard Charles when he was offered a third go-around.

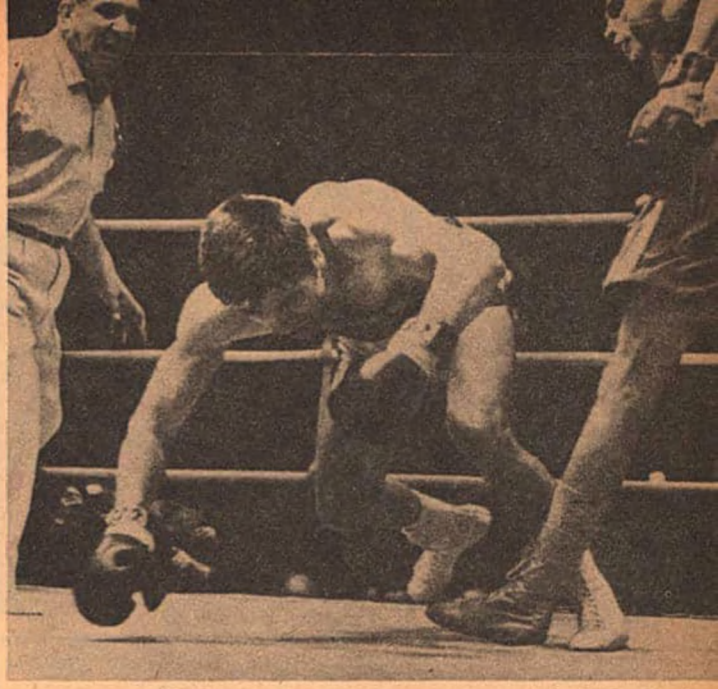
Frankly, it didn't appeal, since he had fought Charles unspectacularly in Chicago and Detroit (though he did salvage a knockdown). It will be recalled that Charles had a tough time working up to another one. "What again?" Ez said, adding, "Well, we might as well as play Pittsburgh."

The happenstance of Joe's age, 37, gave a fillup to the promotion. He was among the oldest fighters ever to challenge for the title.

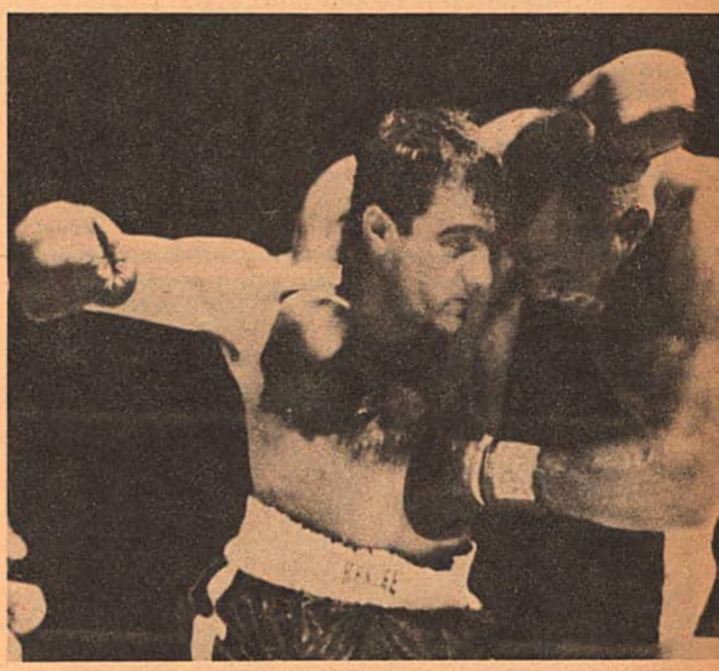
In fact, there was no one else who had three title shots (he had two losing tries against Joe Louis, the first having been a robbery of Walcott, it will be remembered).

Nevertheless, he came to scratch at Forbes Field on July 18, 1951, an ambition-inspired Walcott against a bored, indifferent Charles. In the course of a dull fight on a soggy night Joe suddenly found a knife-sharp left hook. He landed it to perfection. Charles was slugged into a seventh-round knockout.

This was a blending of everything one night for Walcott, which forever is wedded to a hilarious sidelight. The fight was broadcast by Steve Ellis and his sponsor was Blue Ribbon beer. Overcome by the immensity of the situation, Ellis called Walcott for a post-fight interview in the ring. Always product-minded, Ellis said: "Joe, you won tonight because you had a glass of that good Blue Ribbon beer." Walcott was aghast; he was shocked and couldn't say anything. But Dan Florio, Joe's chief second, was equal to the situation. He stepped in and said: "Yes, Steve, Blue Ribbon surely did it for Joe."



**Carlos Monzon wins world middleweight crown May 8, 1971, from Nino Benvenuti. Explosion took place in the third round. Referee Victor Avendano looks on as Nino hits the canvas.**



**Rocky Marciano explodes in the 13th round to become the heavyweight champ of the world by beating Jersey Joe Walcott on Sept 23, 1952, at the Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia.**

The saga of Jersey Joe was followed by yet another intriguing coming-out.

When Walcott set a record for having won the crown six months after his 37th birthday — a record which still stands — a clumsy,

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# YOU SEE IT HERE FIRST!

By DON MAJESKI

WHEN John H. Stracey became the first Briton since Ted "Kid" Lewis to gain the world welterweight title by knocking out Jose Napoles in Mexico he sent shock waves about the sports world. Ordinarily the defeat of a champion of Napoles' calibre would have drawn lamentations from this observer, an especially keen supporter of the Cuban-born Mexican. Yet, due to the extenuating circumstances that led up to his defeat one must feel a sense of jubilation rather than loss for boxing.

Jose Napoles will go down as one of the great fighters of his era. A master technician, he ws an accomplished defensive as well as powerful offensive fighter. One must have sympathized with his plight in early years. The flight from Castro's Cuba, the readjustment and acceptance in Mexico, the long, hard battle to gain an overly prolonged shot at the title. He was, for years, an "uncrowned champion." Napoles defeated the likes of Carlos Hernandez, Eddie Perkins and Adolph Pruitt to rise to the top of the lightweight and junior welterweight contenders list, only to be continually denied a championship match by reluctant titleholders and callously indifferent leaders.

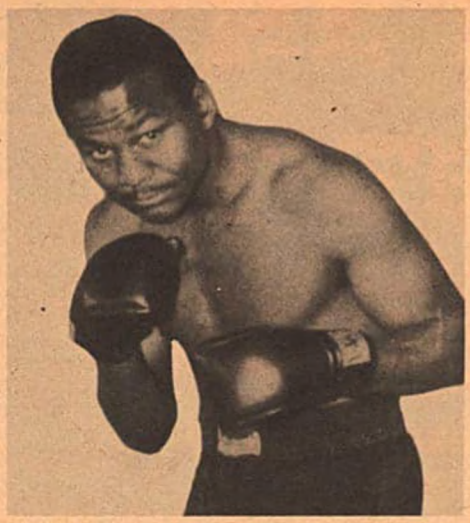
When he first gained the title he was an Olympian champion in every sense of the word. Defending his crown often and against any viable challenger in any venue be it London, Los Angeles, Grenoble, Mexico, Toronto or wherever the money lure was sufficient.

With his defeat by Carlos Monzon in a vain attempt to wrest the middleweight tiara something happened to Napoles. Perhaps he realized he was growing old. Perhaps the scent of money overcame him. Perhaps the attitude of a once young and unbeatable champion became jaded. Whatever it was, something changed him.

Napoles retreated to the confines of Mexico to make all future title defenses. Within a year he severed his relations with George Parnassus, the late promoter who'd guided him to two world welterweight crowns. In a heart breaking scene at Puerto Rico, Napoles repudiated Parnassus, who was in the midst of negotiating a championship fight with Angel Espada. As a result Parnassus left broken hearted and despondant.

Napoles then disassociated himself with his lifetime managerial team of Alfredo Cruz and Cuco Conde, who'd been with him since the Cuban days.

A great champion might do things like



**Jose Napoles, Mexico, recently lost his world welterweight title to John H. Stracey, Britain.**

that — but not a great sportsman. You don't throw out people who've been with you from the outset when the journey nears the end.

The fiasco against Armando Muniz in Acapulco spelled the ominous approach of the end for Jose. The return failed to revive him, and the Stracey defeat was the concluding chapter of a once glorious career. When he began to duck challengers like Stracey, hide behind technicalities the likes of which retained his title in Acapulco, and then found himself half a champion when the W.B.A. deposed him for failure to meet Espada, he became not a "champion" but rather a profiteer, exploiting the crown for what it was worth with no regard for meeting all comers. At this point he violated the public's trust. The hypocrisy that was responsible for denying him the title fight for so long finally enveloped Napoles. He was the recalcitrant champion refusing to live up to his obligations.

Refusing a $200,000 offer from Mickey Duff to meet Stracey in England reflected his knowledge that the end was near. In the sanctity of the rarified air of Mexico City he was safe. But Stracey shattered that. He fought and beat Napoles on his own ground, before his own people and with a Mexican referee. Stracey, a cocky Cockney, deserves to be called champion as much as any previous holder of the crown. I hope his reign is long and successful and that he becomes the credit to the game a young, ambitious boxer named Napoles once was.

For Jose Napoles I can only hope he's saved enough to invest and leaves the game before he's forced to exploit himself against younger fighters. If that happenes Napoles won't be prostituting himself, but rather a memory. That's too valuable and glorious to reduce to meagre paydays at the expense of second rate fighters.

Mickey Duff, the skilled British promoter, took Mexican television big wigs to boxing school during his tenure there. In a battle of polemics he managed to extract a larger payday for Stracey in lieu of the Mexican commission's refusal to appoint neutral officials, as provided for in the regulations of the World Boxing Council. Duff proved to be the consumate professional and was rewarded with a world champion.

Stracey's first defense will likely be against Bruno Arcari, the former W.B.C. junior welterweight king at London.

In Tunisia, Lebanese born Mexican Jose Sulaiman became president of the World Boxing Council. A long overdue appointment of one of the most deserving, knowledgeable and sincere commissioners in the world. Jose is a man of principle and integrity. Sulaiman is just what the doctor ordered.

A new face at the Council's convention was James Farley, New York State Athletic Commission chairman. The newly appointed New Yorker tried to get unity between the WBC and WBA, the other universal boxing body. Though motivated by high principles it seems a bit naive. However any discussion along those lines must be much praised.

Marvin Kohn and Frank Morris, mainstays at the New York State commission, have been reappointed. Good show. The Bernalillo county, New Mexico, sheriff is gunning for John Conteh . . . Loren Cassina, master manipulator, back in the business touting title fights . . . Richie Kates surprised in beating Pierre Fourie in Jo'Burg now is zeroing in on Victor Galindez . . . Kid Rapidez and Gil Clancy installed as Foreman trainers . . . Miguel Cuello, hard hitting Argentine light-heavy, domiciled in Paris . . . Duran — Cervantes readying for April battle . . . Alfredo Escalera — Tyronne Everett for Philadelphia?

Foster wants to be refered to as champion on comeback. "Never really gave up title," says Bobby . . . Foster trainer Billy Edwards looking to run cards in Farmington and Rosewall, New Mexico . . . Beto Martinez supplies the South West with top talent . . . Former New Yorker Bobby Lewis, now resiging in Denver, has Larry Bonds and LeRoy Jones moving nicely . . . Bob Hazleton back among heavyweights . . . Lope Sarreal Jr. now managing Ben Villaflor . . . Danny Lopez's KO of Ruben Olivares coupled with Napoles defeat by Stracey three days later drew the curtain on the Parnassus era in boxing . . . Bobby Chacon resumed his career as a lightweight . . . Niclono Locche set for third bout with Cervantes. They're one and one . . . Jorge Ahumada is very much in the swing . . . Miguel Canto took down a $160,000 payday vs. Dominican Republic's Espinal at Merida, Mexico . . . Monzon threatening to quit if Rodrigo Valdez fight doesn't materialize . . . Top New Mexico fight fans are Esther, Bernardette and Patrick

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# "No Future In Boxing," Says Joe Bugner

By JOHN ORT

FORMER European and British heavyweight king Joe Bugner has called it a career. A world ranked boxer at the time, he decided that he had no future in the game.

Joe's statement to the press in London: "Boxing was a sport I never liked but learned to love. The love died after the Ali bout."

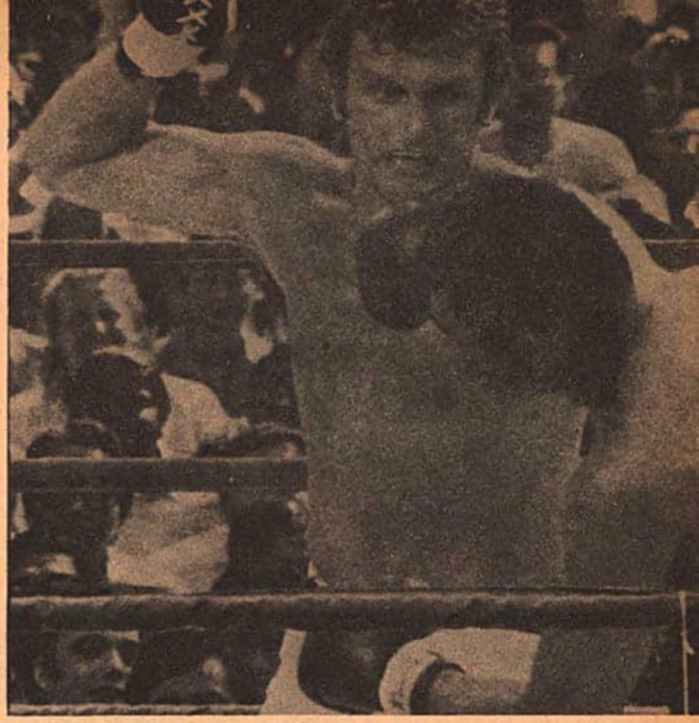
Bugner was not a native of England, and never achieved much popularity with the local fans. He was born in Budapest, Hungary on March 13, 1950. His father died while Joe was just a child. He and his mother moved to England right before the Hungarian government put down the uprising. They moved to a town called Bedford, 50 miles from London.

Joe went to the local schools and became outstanding in track and field, as a discus thrower. He won the All-England championship with a record 182 foot throw.

He took up boxing at the age of thirteen. Joe got interested while watching a E.B.U. middleweight championship on T.V. Joe decided to watch countryman Laszlo Papp defend against an Englishman. Joe was not a great amateur. His record was 14-3, being stopped twice.

The family moved again to St. Ives, in Cornwall, where he met Andy Smith, a Scotsman who managed professional boxers. Smith signed him up and started Joe on a pro career without any fanfare.

Bugner's first bout was no better than his last. He boxed a fellow named Paul Brown and was stopped in three rounds. Smith, not a man to give up, then started Bugner on a slow moving career. Joe won his next 13 in a row over a group of nobodies. In this quest for stardom he kayoed Brown in a return match.



**The last fight of Joe Bugner's career occurred on June 30, 1975, in Kuala Lumpur, when Joe (rear) fought a disappointing 15 rounds against Muhammad Ali (foreground).**

In 1969 they moved him in with some fair American heavyweights. He beat Jack O'Halloran, Tony Ventura and Moses Harrell. Joe was upset by New England boy named Dick Hall. He came back to finish the year with three more victories, Charlie Polite, Phil Smith and Eddie Talhami.

The following year Bunger made his big move. Smith put him in with some pretty fair local and U.S. boxers. Joe scored nine wins that year. Some of his big ones were: Johnny Prescott, Manuel Ramos, Roberto Davila, Brian London, George Johnson and Chuck Wepner.

1971 saw Bugner reach the top and then hit bottom within 11 months. He boxed a draw with Canadian Bill Drover and then went on to defeat Henry Cooper for the British and Commonwealth, plus European heavyweight titles. Six months later he would lose all three to Jack Bodell. He finished out the year being upset by Larry Middleton.

The next year he won eight bouts, including the E.B.U. heavyweight title from Germany's Jurgen Blin. He held that title until early this year when he decided not to defend it against Belgium's Jean-Pierre Coopman. Joe did defend the crown against Rudi Lubbers, Bepi Ros, Mario Baruzzi and Dante Cante.

The highpoint of his career was on February 14, 1973, when he lost a 12 round decision to Muhammad Ali in Las Vegas, Neveda. He put up a good show and gained a lot of good press from this contest.

Joe's last bout was again with Ali in Kuala Lumpur, on June 30, 1975. This was his most disappointing effort. The boxing world

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**Bugner is seen relaxing with his wife, Melody, at their Wyton, Huntingdon, home after he announced his retirement from boxing. Bugner said his love of the sport had died.**

**Q.** When Muhammad Ali first won his title in 1964 by knocking out Sonny Liston in Miami what ranking did he have according to The Ring Ratings?

Bob Allison
Lincroft, N.J.

**A. Ali, then known as Cassius Clay, was rated by The Ring as Number One.**

**Q.** How many heavyweights in the history of boxing when they were champions remained undefeated while they were champions? Please give me their names.

**A. James J. Jeffries was undefeated. He came out of retirement to fight Jack Johnson at Reno, Nevada, May 3, 1921 and was knocked out in fifteen. Gene Tunney retired undefeated. Muhammad Ali was undefeated until his title was taken away by all the boxing bodies due to his trouble with Uncle Sam over Armed Forces Service. He lost to Joe Frazier in their first meeting, on his comeback trail and then beat Frazier in a return bout. Ali went on to win the title for the second time by defeating George Foreman in Kinshasa, Zaire in 1974. Joe Louis retired undefeated as a champion in 1949. He had lost to Max Schmeling back in 1936 before winning the title.**

**Q.** Is heavyweight Jimmy Young black or white?

Randy Torbitt
Atlanta, Ga.

**A. Young is black. The first seven heavies in the most recent ratings are black—Ali, Norton, Young, Frazier, Foreman, Lyle, Shavers. The first white, No. 8—is Duane Bobick.**

**Q.** Is there real authority for the statement that Carpentier weighed only 164 pounds against Dempsey?

Ms. Edna Calve
Sacramento, Cal.

**A. Yes.**

**Q.** Again and again and again. Was Bob Fitzsimmons British or American? If Bugner moves to New York, will that make him an American fighter? The answer is important to British boxing as Bob was the only British world heavyweight champion.

Alan Stanton French
Paris, France

**A. Fitzsimmons did almost all of his fighting in the United States. I do not know if he ever became a citizen of the U.S. but he has been accepted for years, since his victory over Corbett in 1897, as one of our American title holders. The Ring always has referred to him as an American champion. The answer man concurs.**

**Q.** Please settle a bet. My friend insists that Boxing Day in England has to do with fights. I say that Boxing Day has nothing to do with boxing.

What and when is Boxing Day in England?

Fred Wellington
Boston, Mass.

**A. Boxing Day in Britain has nothing to do with the ring. It comes the day after Christmas and has ancient lineage. Away back in the Middle Ages the mistress of the manor went around the day after Christmas handing out boxes of goodies to the tenantry. If Boxing Day falls on a Sunday it is celebrated on Monday.**

**Q.** Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler met four times and Pep was the winner once. Yet the general trend is to rate Pep over Saddler. How come?

Kean Washington
Baltimore, Md.

**A. Saddler had the ill luck to get a reputation as a dirty fighter. He was a great fighter. But popular trends are hard to beat. Call the answer, publicity and personality.**

**Q.** Does the Answer Man believe that, with both in their prime, Monzon would have beaten Ketchel?

Harley Davis
Portland, Ore.

**A. No, Harley. Monzon would not have beaten the Michigan Assassin.**

**Q.** Does THE RING recognize the recently created junior flyweight title?

Ceferino Ubaldi
Milan, Italy

**A. No, THE RING does not recognize the "diaper" class.**

**Q.** When Fitz beat Corbett for the heavyweight title in 1897 was it by KO or was the fight stopped by the referee?

George Carter
Los Angeles, Cal.

**A. Fitz stopped Corbett. They did not have the current TKO in those days. You fought to a finish, or to the agreed limit, usually 20 or 25 rounds.**

**Q.** Was Frank Erne the official lightweight champion?

Dave Erne
Toronto, Can.

**A. Frank Erne was official champion. He beat Lavigne in 20 rounds at Buffalo in 1899. Frank had only 40 fights altogether.**

**Q.** Was there ever a heavyweight championship fight in New Orleans?

Jacob Vogel
New Orleans, La.

**A. Yes. Corbett beat John L. Sullivan in New Orleans, September 7, 1892, by a KO in 21 rounds, a memorable event.**

**Q.** What were the weights when Fitz knocked out Corbett at Carson City in 1897?

Fred Drury
San Francisco, Cal.

**A. The official weights were: Fitzsimmons, 163; Corbett, 187.**

**Q.** Was Don King ever a pro fighter?

Samuel Danziger
Cleveland, Ohio

**A. No.**

**Q.** What does RING think about Ali's future? Is he likely to go on fighting just so long as there is a demand for his services?

Muhammad Shabaz
Cairo, Egypt

**A. RING believes that after Ali fights Foreman and Norton again, twice for George and thrice for Ken, he will call it quits as he will have just about all the money he will crave. Remember, he is getting on in years for a heavyweight fighter.**

# The RING PUNCH LINES

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## WAS BEATING FRAZIER A FEAT?

Supporters of Muhammad Ali are using strange logic in their effort to prove that their man is the greatest fighter in the history of the heavyweight division. They contend that just because Ali stopped Joe in 14 rounds he proved that he was No. 1 in the all time ratings. Who says that beating Frazier was the all time feat? I am willing to give Ali full credit for his class and full credit for having won a great fight. But I am not going to accept the claim that Ali would have beaten Joe Louis or Jim Jeffries in their primes. I would like to see Ali fight Foreman a second time. I would like to see Ali fight Norton a third time. In the meantime, I will have an open mind.

**Jim Grady**
**Atlanta, Ga.**

## THE CHACON DEAL

The bum deal Bobby Chacon gave his California friends sure is being allowed to cool off. He announced he was going to resume fighting, as a lightweight. But the dope out here is that he cannot make even 135 after his featherweight fiasco, which netted him $150,000.

I wonder if Chacon realizes how much money he lost for his backers when he collapsed through weakness because of trying to make the feather limit? I hope he has put his money in a bank and will retire from the ring.

**Jose Giminez**
**Los Angeles, Cal.**

## CREDIT FOR FOURIE

I agree, Victor Galindez deserves to be named "Fighter of the Month, or Year," but get off it Galindez, you had to pull out all the stops to beat Pierre Fourie, and I agree with the result. But looking at your face, and also at Fourie's face, you took the hammering, and not Fourie. You managed to pull the fight off in the last 4 rounds. No excuse for Fourie. You came back like a champ. And I was one of those who cheered you as the winner. But be fair, Fourie is still amongst the 4 best light heavies in the world as far as I am concerned. He has proven himself.

**Henry Doubell**
**Brits, South Africa**

## A PLEA FOR CERVANTES

How can Ring Magazine neglect one of the best fighters pound for pound in the world, Antonio Cervantes?

His artistic defense against Esteban DeJesus went almost totally neglected by your magazine. Why was there no in-depth article, except for a small line in the boxing world-wide results?

Fans complain about the neglect for all the junior divisions, and RING MAGAZINE should share the blame for this disgraceful problem in boxing.

**Thomas Schaitberger**
**San Jose, California**

## A LETTER TO ALI AND JOE

Dear Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier,

For the third time you have shown other sportsman and us lesser mortals what pride and belief in one's own ability is all about. Your encounter in Manila was a bout that for many years to come will tingle the flesh of every boxing fan both for the sheer artistry, crude dogged courage and the toughness that somehow you both found for heat after heat.

Although I firmly believe that your pride is such that you would produce a classic seven nights a week if it were demanded of you, the time has come for you both to call a halt. In Manila the well was drained nearly totally to produce unhappily a winner. There lurks the danger now that to return to the well would be once too often and in doing so would allow someone of inferior class and courage the boast that he ruined either of your careers.

Think on it hard; boxing's history is bitterly clustered with those who gave too much. For myself, thank you for memories that will bring countless hours of argument, pleasure and nostalgia. Our children's heroes will somehow seem mere mortals in Muhammad Ali's and Joe Frazier's company.

**Hugh John Furlong**
**Plymouth, England**

## A VOICE FROM HUNGARY

I'm a Hungarian boxing fan, former boxer, now the chief coach in the Budapest's Central School of Sports. Sometime ago I regularly corresponded with the late Nat Fleischer who wrote me that his mother was Hungarian, from Budapest. I have all copies of The Ring from 1958 in bounded volumes.

The Ring Classics, Inc. had done a favor for me and I would like to recompense it through The Ring.

Thanks to the Ring Classics!

In Hungary — a country with pretty good boxing in the amateur fields — we are barred from professional boxing. Our TV showed only four fights in the last 11 years! To our boxing experts The Ring Classics give the only possibility to see the greatest fights and fighters. Thank you! Their films are superb!

And also many thanks to The Ring magazine for the long time great work on boxing.

**Fuzesy Zoltan**
**Budapest, Hungary**

## HE LIKES US

It is about time I wrote your fine magazine, I have been reading it faithfully for thirty two years and only missed it during the war. You receive many comments from old and new fans but I believe that you are fair to the past without neglecting the present.

Your November issue ('75) had some of the finest articles ever. (1) The editorial by Mr. Loubet was insightful and to the point and needed to be written. (2) The Christopher Coats article on the Arguello featherweight was excellent reporting. I saw the fight, indeed it was a mismatch. Arguello knows how to punch and Coats knows how to write. Finally, (3) Ron Olver's rehashing of the ripped glove controversy in the first Clay-Cooper fight was well written and fun to read. His article would add something to anybody's knowledge of boxing.

Well after having followed The Ring Magazine for so many years I feel that I can add my two cents worth regarding the heavyweights. I don't know who was best or second best but I firmly believe that Sonny Liston and Gene Tunney have been underrated. Both men lived in the shadows of legends, never a comfortable spot.

**Mr. John J. Cannon**
**San Francisco, Calif.**

## ROUNDUP 1975 - THE ORIENT

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On January 5, Tury Pineda, Mexico, was defeated by Guts Ishimatsu in 15 rounds at Osaka. Following their controversial draw last September, Ishi found Pineda durable and scrappy, but outpunched him with a strong combo in later rounds.

Bankok, Thailand, jubilantly welcomed a new world titlist. On July 15, Saensak Muangsurin won the junior welterweight crown in his third pro bout. Saensak, former kick fighter, battered Spain's Pedro Fernandez with an effective use of his lefty style, and scored a TKO at the end of the eighth round. As a battler in an international boxing match, Saensak became gold medalist in the Amateur Southeast Games, 1972. The Thai puncher, 22, in his first outing as a pro, stopped Rudy Barro, ex-rated Filipino, in 57 seconds of the opening round in November 1974. His second victim was Japanese champ Lion Furuyama, who was nailed to the ropes onesidely by Saensak's relentless beating and was called TKO loser by the third man in the seventh round, in February 1975.

In the week from October 7 to October 12, there were three title combats in Japan. Such day-by-day cards might appear to be poor policy by Japanese promoters, but TV companies were voted to stage 'title fights' in October.

On October 7, Susumu Hanagata, Japanese footworker, lost a split decision to Erbito Salavarria, Philippines, in 15 speedy rounds.

Erbito, with strong determination, couterpunched his rival and showed superiority throughout their third encounter. Who the winner should be was apparent, so a repeat of the riot that had taken place in Toyama half a year ago was not repeated.

On October 8, Hisami Numata, national bantam ruler, was forced to backpedal all the way because of Rodolfo Martinez' power in 15 rounds, Sendai. A shutout duke went to the Mexican.

October 12, Alexis Arguello, sensational featherweight newcomer, knocked out Royal Kobayashi, hitherto unbeaten in 18 outings, in the fifth round, Tokyo. Alexis, taller by inches than the kayo artist who had stopped 16 men, sent a vicious body punch and sank Kobayashi for the count.

On November 11, Yuh Jae Do, Korea, made an easy defense against Masahiro Misako, as he scored with a strong leather and floored the Japanese three times and out in the sixth round. Misako was a courageous guy, who peppered Yuh toe-to-toe in spite of their obvious difference of power. For all the abundance of big bouts in Nippon, a question has arisen whether Japanese fighters should really be stronger than any other ringmen in the Orient. How about paying our attentions to the local rating sanctioned by the Orient Boxing Federation that consists of Japan, Korea, Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia and Taiwan?

The OBF lists eleven champions in as many classes including five junior divisions and lacking heavier ones over the middleweight category. Four classes are dominated by Japan, three by Korea, two by Thailand, one each by Philippines and Indonesia, who joined the federation in mid 1975.

Flyweight titleholder Jiro Takada, of Japan, who seized the vacant positon by a 10th round kayo over Orland Javierto, P.I., after losing the preceeding March 14. The title had been relinquished by Filipino Socrates Batoto who had to overgrow the 112 pound class due to his difficulty in making the weight. Jiro's strong right was a haymaker before 1100 customers at Korakuen Hall, Tokyo.

Takada proved too much for Indonesia's Nuru Hassim on October 17, when the defending champ demolished the newcomer in only 2.56 of the opening session.

The junior featherweight class, the limit being under 122 pounds, has an unmatched strong boy named Yum Dong Kyum, 23, Ali stylist. The Korean appeared in an undercard of the world lightweight title go by Ishimatsu and Pineda in Osaka on June 5. Yum impressively sent Seiichi Watanuki, Japan, flat to dreamland for five minutes with a vicious blow. The trick happened in 5 sec. of the tenth round, after he dropped Watanuki time and again, losing no rounds. Yum stayed in Nippon during the latter half of the year, and engaged in two contests, one of which took place for his fifth defense in Osaka, November 17. In spite of a hand fracture, Yum outlegged and outpunched Futaro Tanaka, Japanese loser, to keep the crown. The record of the brilliant Korean puncher is 48-1 including 19 knockouts.

In the featherweight class, Fel Clementes, of P.I., scored an upset kayo over Japan's Zensuke Utagawa, favorite and fleet footworker, in 1.32 of the sixth round at Korakuen Hall, March 23. Though stopped by Ruben Olivares last year in the WBA eliminator, Zensuke had remained unbeaten in these years in the Orient. Fel, new titlist, went to Hawaii to have a hard-fought draw with Octavio Gomez, Mexico, in 10 frames, August 5. The scrappy Clementes made a successful defense, beating Sanjo Takemori, Japan, just returning from actions in Los Angels, in a close but unanimous 12-rounder, Tokyo, December 14.

Another top Oriental in the class is Japanese Royal Kobayashi, who had forced Utagawa into retirement for all. This bearded guy, 25, who had received KO Award by Tokyo Boxing Writers Club in 1974, failed to dethrone Alexis Arguello, to suffer his first setback in the 19th pro outings, October 12.

The current OBF Jr. lightweight champ is Yoshio Apollo, Osaka, who whipped Little Galleg, Philippines, to win the vacant crown in 12 heats, April 7. The footworker who dodged away from Villaflor's power in 15 rounds in March, 1974, easily overwhelmed Kim Yong Soo, Korea, in 12 shutout rounds, Toyama, October 17.

Lightweight champion ranked in the OBF rating is Morito Kashiwaba, Japan, who returned to action after a sudden retirement in 1974. Morito, with kayo consecutive wins, challenged Fred Pastor, Filipino, in Guam, February 21. He copped a lopsided decision to become the titleholder.

August 5, the junior welterweight titleholder is quite unknown in the Orient except in Indonesia, where local battler Wonso Suseno scored a surprising decision from Lee Chang Kil, Korea, in 12 rounds, July 28. Chang Kil, unmatched in the Far East previously for all his kayo by Ken Buchanan in Madison Square Garden, 1972., lost a split duke, saying good-bye to the OBF title which he had held for about two years.

Nippon boasts of Ryu Sorimachi's long reign as the Orient welter leader since 1970. In this class there had been no powerful rivals who could fight Ryu evenly until 1974, when the Japanese had a tough defense in a disputed draw with Cho Min, Korea, in August. Dropped three times to the canvas, Ryu had Cho on the deck twice to barely keep the title. On January 20, Ryu faced an up-and-coming Japanese champion Shoji Tsujimoto, who dominated the contest in eleven rounds, but collapsed twice in the final canto. The decision was a split draw, which a packed house of 2200, at Korakuen Hall, received well. On June 2 Sorimachi kissed the canvas again by a roundhouse right off Min Cho in their rematch, but fought back gamely to a 12-round draw.

A hard-hitting Korean named Lim Jae Keun gained the Orient junior middleweight crown from Hideo Kanazawa, Japan, via a third round kayo in Pusan, Korea, February 23. Lim, 22, turned pro after he won a gold medal in Asian Games in Bankok years ago. Scoring the nine kayos in as many outings in stretching Kanazawa out, Lim stopped another Japanese, Michiyoshi Numabe, in 2.45 of the second round, Seoul, September 7. Stopping three fighters from Nippon, Jae Keun registered a good record, winning 12 all by knockouts but one defeat by Moon Ei Chin, fellow countryman.

The reporter sees that the fistic front of Nippon has aimed at the international crowns exclusively, tried to invite good foreign challengers against Shibata and Ishimatsu, or too strong champions like Martinez for Numata and Arguello for Kobayashi, but has failed to strengthen younger fighters by supplying them with good opportunities. This reporter thinks it would be good if a few wise promoters, beyond TV's not making top Japanese fight exclusively, tried to stage good nation-made cards like Kobayshi vs. Utagawa feather match. Without efforts to cultivate ambitious talented youngsters, Japan may wither on the Orient fistic map in the near future.

## NOW JOHN H. STRACEY WILL HAVE TIME FOR GOLF

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of asking his mate Terry Lawless if the latter could arrange for treatment from Rob Jenkins, who was physiotherapist to the First Division soccer club West Ham.

Terry asked, Rob said yes, and the treatment helped considerably, culminating in John winning the ABA title. After what had happened it seemed a logical step for John to turn pro with Terry as his manager. And it's been a great partnership.

Winning the European title seemed to give John added stature, and the confident and decisive manner in which he defeated Napoles did him credit. After all, the Mexican was in my opinion one of the "all-time greats" of the welterweight division.

I was sorry, therefore, to read that Napoles had AFTERWARDS complained that he had been hit low, and was claiming a rematch. I never did like sore losers, and never thought that someone of Jose's reputation would turn out to be one.

However, let's be fair about the alleged low blow. Obiously you had to be close to ringside to see it properly. Judging from the TV recording it did appear to be low, but it also appeared to be a punch that was difficult to pull back, once it had started.

Anyway, Stracey was censured, and Napoles did get the advantage of a count. In other words, the referee was satisfied that it was an accident, there was no immediate reaction by Napoles indicating that he had been unduly hurt, and the fight proceeded.

The Stracey family has always had a boxing interest through John's father Dave, younger brother Alan, who had only a couple of fights, and big brother Dave, who boxed for a while but gave it up in favour of wrestling. The latter is now 33, living in Harlow, and it was at his home that mother celebrated John's victory.

Father Dave was a cabinet maker until he retired, but has always been involved in John's career, never losing faith in his son's ability to win the world title.

Mind you, the fight itself proved to be a difficult project to arrange. Naturally John would have preferred to box in Britain, but as champion Napoles had the final say, and the champ did in fact turn down an offer of £100,000 plus five first-class air tickets to box for promoter Harry Levene at Wembley.

In fairness, he did come over to London in 1972 and defended his crown against John's stablemate Ralph Charles, and accepted a British referee.

So this time Jose chose Mexico, and there was also a big hoopla about officials. The Mexicans decided to ignore the World Boxing Council rules, and declared that there would be three Mexican officials.

The British party at first refused to accept this, and finally agreed only if Stracey were paid more money. I don't know how much John actually received, but a figure of around £30,000 has been quoted in the national press.

There was trouble about the date too. First arranged for November 29, the Britishers insisted on three weeks' acclimatization to altitude, plus first-class travel facilities.

But the correct tickets had not come to hand by the time the party was due to leave. At first the promoters refused to delay the date of the fight, but eventually were persuaded to make the new date December 6, thus giving John time to adjust to altitude.

Only twelve months earlier John had an appendix operation, and in Mexico had stomach pains, a cut eye, plus a sprained ankle in training. But as we know now all was right on the night. That's show biz.

John's girl friend, Michelle Morris from Finchley, made the trip to encourage him and act as cheer-leader, and it was rumored that they intended to get married when John returned.

There was a marriage the day after he got back to London, but it was Stracey's mate John Hammond who was getting hitched, not the world champ, who attended the wedding.

Probably one of the most disappointed people who couldn't manage to get to Mexico was Terry Lawless's wife, Sylvia, who, because of the Christmas trade, had to stay and look after their shop. But she did have a good chat to the new champ on the phone.

John's mother Betty laughingly said "I didn't want him to be a boxer. I wanted him to become a film star, or a singer."

Many people share credit for John's success. Besides his manager Terry there are promoters Harry Levene and Mike Barrett, also matchmaker Mickey Duff, who has been a tower of strength in negotiating, and indeed was in John's corner on fight-night. Last but not least Board of Control Secretary Ray Clarke, the only WBC official present, who was a tower of strength in Mexico.

There was also the large contingent of Britishers who made the long trip to Mexico City to cheer home their idol. And how well he responded.

Of those British boxing writers whose opinions I read before the fight, not one forecast a Stracey victory. But boxing is an unpredictable sport, and even the great Angelo Dundee proved to be incorrect when he opined to boxing writer Frank McGhee, "Your kid has three chances. A dog's chance, no chance and half a chance."

John is a versatile sportsman. As a youngster, he was good at soccer and swimming, as well as boxing, but opted in favor of the latter sport. His father said that John preferred an individual effort to a team sport.

He is one of that rare breed who started off as a southpaw and then switched to orthodox. Not so very long ago he decided to change his ring name to John "H." Stracey. "Sounds a lot more like a top fighter, like John L. Sullivan or James J. Corbett," he quipped.

Every British fight fan was happy when referee Harry Gibbs was awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's Honors List. As Harry said, "It's a great honor, not only for me, but for the sport of boxing."

John too has set his sights on a similar award. He explained, "When we returned from the Mexico Olympics, the whole team was invited to Buckingham Palace to meet the Queen. After that wonderful experience, it has always been my ambition to receive some kind of an award that would be presented to me by Her Majesty.

"Just think what a great thing this would be for the East End."

Coming as late as December, John's performance in winning the world championship came too late for the various newspapers, magazines and TV organizations that invite votes for Sportsman Of The Year.

A pity, for no one deserved it more. Still, at least he was adjudged Boxer Of The Month by the World Boxing Council.

His immediate plans were to have a rest, take a holiday in the sun and play some golf.

Understandably there was only one thing on John's mind when he returned to Britain. Asked by the Customs official if he had anything to declare, he replied —

"Only the World Title."

## ANTUOFERMO COPS DAGGE'S TITLE

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In the last few rounds Dagge came back into the picture and rocked the tiring Italian with hard rights. But those who foresaw Antuofermo building up a lead on points only to be KO'd in the latter rounds had underrated this American schooled Italian who was always coming forward like a tank with an unlimited amount of stamina, which allowed him to hold his own with Dagge to the closing bell.

This was Berlin's 48th European championship contest and the 97th to be staged in Germany. Dortmund had 16, Franfort and Hamburg 10, Kiel 4, Munich 3, Stuttgart and Cologne 2, Russelheim and Leipzig one each. The first ever European title bout to be staged in Berlin took place on 19 March 1926 when Rene Devos, Belgium, retained his crown outpointing German, Hein Domgorgen. German boxers have now taken part in 137 European title contests winning 58, losing 61 and drawing 5.

On 13 occasions two German fighters fought for a Euro crown. Germans have met Italian boxers in 44 European title fights winning 20, losing 22 and drawing 2.

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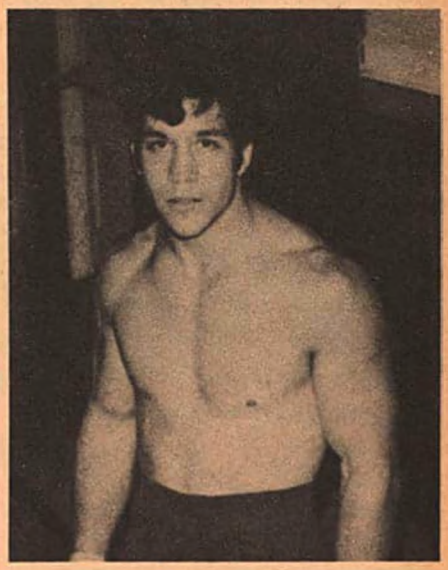

**(Left) Bill Cline pauses with his father-manager, Chris Cline, at a weigh-in. (Right) Bill, who models himself on Rocky Marciano, has been compared to his idol.**

# U.S. Capital Roots For Biff Cline

**By ED SCULLEN**

THE above plea might well sum up the dreams of a majority of promoters, matchmakers and a sizeable portion of the fight crowd. Despite the sweeping social changes of the last 15 years, professional boxing still looks for that rarity of rarities — the good white fighter.

Here in the National Capital area, the word among the boxing fraternity is already out — the fighter who best fits the "White Hope" role is 27-year-old Biff "Terror" Cline. In his brief career Biff has entered the ring seven times winning all seven by KO, six times within the first round.

It is strictly an accident of fate that Biff should be cast in such a role, as everything about the ex-Army Sgt. (Vietnam veteran) and former All-Star high school football hero speaks of a class guy who appeals to fans of all backgrounds.

The last great fighter to truly fill the "White Hope" mold was the late Rocky Marciano. The Rock somehow combined the image of the clean-cut American Boy with that of the Macho pugilist in just the right proportion to excite the public.

Biff has consciously modeled himself after Marciano, and a variety of fans have noticed resemblances between the two. Biff is the same height as Marciano was, 5 ft. 11 in. and his weight hovers around 180. Add Biff's muscular, tightly knit body and short arms, and the resemblance becomes uncanny.

"Rocky Marciano has always been my idol," explains Biff, "I've studied everything I can find about him, because I want to learn how to throw punches just like he did."

Although Biff fought his first professional contest in August 1971 (a KO in one round over James Brown), at Mount Holly, N.C., it wasn't until late 1974 that Biff began serious campaigning.

The reason for the three year gap between fights was the security of a well-paying job with the U.S. Capitol Police.

Although Biff asked for permission to fight time and time again, the answer from the chief was always the same — No. Finally the call of the ring took over, and in late October 1974 Biff said goodbye to a $12,000 a year job and said hello to the uncertainties of a full time boxing career.

In Biff's first fights, the Forestville, Md., resident was coming in at around 190 pounds thanks to a concentrated weight lifting program. He since has been advised to try the light heavyweights, and he now weighs about 178.

Biff is managed by his Dad, veteran ringman Chris Cline who also pilots Irish Mike Baker (U.S. Junior middleweight champ). The father-son duo have hit upon a plan of regular fights for Biff until he is experienced enough to face the top contenders.

"You've got to remember," explains Biff's Dad, "that he doesn't have any amateur fights behind him. At this stage he needs a lot of work, maybe 10 or 12 fights against all kinds of competition. Eventually, I want to put him in with somebody like Mike Quarry. Biff has the punch to take care of any of the contenders, it's just a question of getting enough experience."

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UP AND DOWN

# Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

**The late Ancil Hoffman with his memoirs.**

ANCIL Hoffman, last of the old guard of fistic managers, is gone. The mentor of the famous Baer brothers, Maxie, onetime heavyweight king, and younger brother Buddy, who twice fought unsuccessfully for the title, losing two scraps against Joe Louis, the "Brown Bomber," passed away in Sacramento, California, at the age of 91. It was Buddy Baer himself who announced the genial Ancel's passing.

In our book, Hoffman was one of the quietest managers we ever knew. He was not the flamboyant type who was always shooting his mouth off. He handled the Baers during their entire career, and was responsible for the Maxie title match through his exploiting of his protege in a kayo of Max Schmeling in the Yankee Stadium. The "Manassa Mauler," together with Mr. Utley of Detroit, promoted that affair. The champ stopped Primo Caruera to win the heavyweight crown.

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Boxing and other sports figures made up the special party of Rudy Riska, Athletic Director of the Downtown A.C., at genial Sun Hop Kee's popular Chinese spot at 13 Mott St. There were ten courses of delicious food served and it was a fine affair. From boxing Bob Sacci, co-author of Friday night's heroes, Eddie Pitcher, Public relations man associated with Don King, the Garden and other outlets, as well as Yours Truly. From baseball we had two worthy representatives of the New York Mets, Joe Torre and Dave Kingman, a pair of standouts.

Famous physicians in attendance were Harold Herman, former doctor for the Cleveland Indians in their days of glory, Johnson Ling and Richard Tucci. Assistant Athletic Director of the Downtown A.C., Mike Giardini, Rudy Riska's brother Steve, one time pitcher with the New York Yankees, and Carl Scarna, Downtown AC., handball champion.

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Welcome to a visit to New York during the holidays, visiting with his sister, Mrs. Louise Weinberg, Teddy Brenner, of the Garden, Alex Koskowitz and Jack Barratt, was the New Yorker, who spent many years with the Fullmer clan—none other than likeable Angelo Curley. We got the lowdown on what the Fullmer's are doing, as well as Manager Marv Jensen.

Ex-king Gene, former middleweight boss, is now in the quarter horse business, the mink industry, and also is part of the cabinet business. Don Fullmer, who tried but never captured the middleweight crown, is in the construction business. Don, in quest of the crown, failed to beat Champion Nino Benvenuti, losing a fifteen round decision, although he did score an eight second knockdown against the champion in the scuffle. Brother Joey, who was a lightweight, works for the Kennetett Copper Co., in Salt Lake City. As for Manager Jansen, now director of public works in the State of Utah, also invented a new round boxing ring and is still in the mink business.

Incidentally, ex-king Gene is president of the Golden Gloves franchise, affiliated with him is brother Don, Trainer Angelo Curley, and Harry Miller, managing director.

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What must be one of the finest selections among boxing people rated for the James J. Walker award, was the pick of our own Dan Daniel, who has devoted most of his life towards the Queensberry sport, as well as to big League baseball. Affable Dan started covering fights for the New York Herald back in 1908, when we began our own boxing chores with The Morning Telegraph, joined Nat Fleischer's RING MAGAZINE in 1922, is the only writer left of all who covered the Dempsey-Willard title bout in Toledo in 1919. Besides, Dan holds another distinction—he saw Dempsey win the title and also watched him relinquish the crown to Gene Tunney.

Daniel, in our humble opinion, has been one of the best assets to boxing through many decades. One of his most cherished memories is that he was a close friend of ex-Mayor Jimmy Walker, a great fight fan, and believe it or not, has written a million words, at least, on the Queensberry game. Any questions?

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Speaking of veterans passing from the fistic picture, we cannot overlook another fine gentleman, 91 year old Dinny McMahon, the same as Hoffman, who helped carve fistic history in the Nutmeg State, with his headquarters in Hartford. Dinny never quit his interest in the sport. He had the satisfaction of seeing his protege, Louis Kid Kaplan, become world featherweight champion. He was a great trainer, and for years was head man in the offices of the Connecticut Boxing Commission. Best of all, Dinny made innumerable friends because of his personality. Like Ancil Hoffman, he'll be missed.

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Which reminds us of the dual award, a first in the Eddie Neil selection of fighter of the year, was a hearty endorsement of the men to be honored at our next Boxing Writers' Association shindig for the gallant battle that Ali and Joe Frazier fought in Manila. That was the first time that happened in the Neil voting, and no one can complain with that. Incidentally, the Boxing Writers' Association also voted the entire slate of officers, topped by Bill Gallo, in office for another year.

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Charlie Ferrara, of 145 Wiebe Ave., Stratford, Connecticut, a real fight buff, likes to remember way back when Petey Hayes, the featherweight, squared off against Jackie 'Kid' Berg at Hayes' training quarters in New York.

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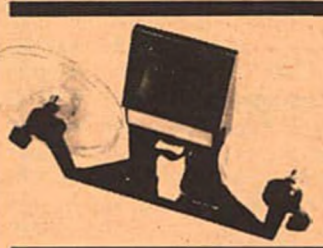

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### MIDDLEWEIGHTS
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1—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
2—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
5—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Eugene Hart, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Rico Hoye, Detroit, Mich.
9—Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass.
10—Pat O'Connor, Rochester, Minn.

### JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Mike Baker, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
1—Gene Wells, Orlando, Fla.
2—Perry Abner, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
4—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
5—Sammy NeSmith, Indianapolis, Ind.
6—Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City, Okla.
7—Ike Shipman, Denver, Colo.
8—Wayne Beale, Las Vegas, Nev.
9—Keith Averett, Akron, Ohio
10—Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.

### WELTERWEIGHTS
*Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
3—Pete Ranzany, Sacramento, Calif.
4—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
5—Carlos Palomino, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
7—Wilfredo Benitez, Puerto Rico
8—Kevin Morgan, Las Vegas, Nev.
9—Larry Bonds, Denver, Colo.
10—Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.

### JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Adolph Viruet, Puerto Rico
1—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Lou Bizzarro, Erie, Pa.
3—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
4—Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
5—Tim Walker, Washington, D.C.
6—Jimmy Heair, San Diego, Calif.
7—Saoul Mamby, Puerto Rico
8—Dale Hernandez, Las Vegas, Nev.
9—Benny Huertas, Puerto Rico
10—Al Franklin, Minneapolis, Minn.

### LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
1—Angel Mayoral, Las Vegas, Nev.
2—Hector Medina, Puerto Rico
3—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Rudy Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
6—Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
7—Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—John Copeland, Springfield, Mo.
9—Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
10—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.

### JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
1—Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
2—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
3—Ronnie McGarvey, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
4—Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, Cal.
5—Norman Goins, Indianapolis, Ind.
6—Walter Seeley, Sayville, N.Y.
7—Ben Ortiz, Puerto Rico
8—Rudy Ortiz, New York, N.Y.
9—Dom Monaco, Brooklyn, N.Y.
10—Robert Quintanilla, Galveston, Texas

### FEATHERWEIGHTS
*Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
3—Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
4—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Kenny Weldron, Houston, Texas
7—Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Ariz.
8—Tommy Rose, Sherborn, Mass.
9—Jimmy Lopez, Salem, N.H.
10—Reuben Castillo, Phoenix, Ariz.

### BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
1—Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico
2—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
3—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Raul Rosette, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
6—Bobby Lee Hunter, Denver, Colo.
7—Baby Kid Chocolate, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Joe Guevara, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—David Vasquez, Puerto Rico
10—Frank Estrada, Los Angeles, Calif.

### FLYWEIGHTS
*Willie Jenson, Las Vegas, Nev.
1—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Tony Rocha, Houston, Texas
3—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Mel Johnson, Clovis, N.M.
5—Alfonso Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Al Sandoval, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
8—Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas
9—Erasmo Flores, San Antonio, Texas
10—Paul Kalli, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Champion

# RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

**Duane Bobick's younger brother, Rodney, is training under Angelo Dundee in Miami.**

IF two champions were very much alike in the past, they would have to be my late great navy buddy former middleweight king KEN OVERLIN, who kept in touch with me until the day he died in Reno, Nevada, July 28th, 1969, and former heavyweight king, also now deceased, EZZARD CHARLES — both superb boxers, and very knowledgeable ringmen . . . Today — lightweight champ, ROBERTO DURAN and middleweight king, CARLOS MONZON, are a great deal alike in that both can be made to look ordinary, even inept, by an opponent only to solve the guy and take him out in perhaps even the next round!! They must be quick studies and of course being able to hit equips each man with a built in instant points eraser of the kind that can curtail a contest upon contact at any point in the punch proceedings!! RODNEY BOBICK, younger brother of DUANE — RODNEY is 23 years of age, 2 years younger than the ex-navy champ who is now under contract of JOE FRAZIER and trained by EDDIE FUTCH, is training at the Fifth Street Gym in Miami Beach under the watchful eye of ANGELO DUNDEE (ALI's main man). RODNEY's wife, MARY is expecting — reason he is not at home in Bowlus, Minnesota — seems that RODNEY in his most recent visit "home," broke up a bar and he's on a one-year suspension by the Minnesota Commission. . . .HANK KAPLAN, RING MAGAZINE correspondent for years in Southern Florida and noted boxing historian, is a retired marine biologist, who spends several hours a day working on his boxing records at his home in Miami . . . MOE FLEISCHER, who trains the newly crowned junior middleweight champion, ELISHA OBED, for manager MIKE DUNDEE, just passed his 74th milestone — used to work at eight different fight clubs in the New York area before moving to the Southland. MOE is a gent who knows the ring game inside and out — A rare breed today. The rumors are the MICKEY "THE KID" DAVIES, who campaigned in New England rings in the forties and fifties, with a featherweight named DAVE "SUNNY" SHADE, real monicker was JESSE UNDERWOOD, who died in Detroit recently — will be operating at both San Diego and Santa Ana, California, with ring shows every other week in 1976.

MICKEY worked with several top boxing promoters on the West Coast and is regarded by the "inside men of boxing" as the top matchmaker in the country. He really gets the most out of two boys when he closes the match . . . JIMMY HEAIR, who just one year ago was tabbed as one of the brightest ring prospects ever in the lightweight division, has gone back far enough now to be relegated to the "opponent" role for aspiring kids on their way up the fistic ladder. Seems that HEAIR had managerial problems that were never "ironed out," and now he is on the skids . . . .what a shame. . . Seen at RINGSIDE the other night in Florida veteran fight trainer and teacher, LOU GROSS, from the old school, working with heavyweight PHIL FRITZ, also with middleweight JOHN PINNEY — who beat GENE WELLS — over in the other corner, ANGELO DUNDEE with DR. FERDIE PACHECO (ALI's boys) — working with WELLS. J. RUSSELL PELTZ offered W.B.C. middleweight champ, RODRIGO VALDES a whopping 100 grand to defend his synthetic title against aging BENNIE BRISCOE (yes, he's still around) in a Philadelphia ring this Spring . . . A benefit dinner for ailing ex-Chicago scrapper, NICK CASTIGLIONE, in the Windy City raised 11 grand for his hospital bills . . . Talk about gyms never changing, so many have vanished from the scene with changes in the big cities — the Newman-Herman Gym on Leavanworth Street in San Francisco, Calif., where BILLY NEWMAN and JOE HERMAN have plied their trade for years, still stands, same it has for 37 years in the same spot. Many greats — and near greats over the years have trained there, and NEWMAN and HERMAN have managed some of the real top performers to come roaring out of the west over the years — believe me . . . DENNY MOYER still carpentering with his dad in Portland, Oregon, and still talking about a return to the ring. DENNY has traveled far and wide to meet the best in the division, and has never given a bad performance. . . .Congratulations are in order to WALTER BYARS — former Roxbury, Mass., welterweight of repute, who has been appointed to the Massachusetts State Boxing Commission to replace EDDIE URBEC, who served with dignity over the years. . . .

Look for ART HAFEY to get his long awaited and deserved crack at a world title in 1976 . . . ART is the most popular ring performer in California, and his services are in demand everywhere. . . .meanwhile his older brother LARRY will make his West Coast debut in this new year . . . LOPE SORREAL, the Philippine wheeler and dealer, is the bloke who came up with the fight contract as manager of champ BEN VILLAFLOR. BEN's contract with LARRY ICHINOSE had expired. . . .With LOU VISCUSI back at the managerial helm, it could well be that aging but hard socking BOB FOSTER will again ascend the light-heavyweight throne. BOB is very serious about this comeback and looks very impressive in his "tuneups" thus far, after all, VICTOR GALDINEZ and JOHN CONTEH are far from the class of the division as FOSTER was when he was the king BOB was in a class by himself — the light-heavyweight division today is mediocre!! DR. NATE SHAPIRO, of Randolph, Mass., who has served as a doctor with the Massachusetts State Boxing Commission for 25 years, was honored the other night at the boxing show at Hynes Auditorium in Boston — SHAPIRO has also helped ex-boxers who visited his office gratis for years — a very likeable man — and a credit not only to boxing, but also to the medical profession. . . .The latest W.B.A. monthly rating bulletin has East Bridgewater, Mass., junior welter TONY PETRONELLI ranked in the number four slot, but his stablemate MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER is noticeably absent from the middleweight ratings — wonder why — ?? HAGLER is the best looking prospect I have seen in years — and is ready and willing to meet any middleweight in the world!! The RAY LUNNY — TYRONE EVERETT junior

*(Continued on page 60)*

## O'GRADY EXITS THOMPSON IN 3

*By TOM RAY*

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City bantamweight had an early Christmas this winter when he received his first global rating, that of 10th in the world by the World Boxing Association.**

To celebrate the event, the 18 year old boxer won the vacant Oklahoma bantamweight title by halting Al "Bubba" Thompson of Tulsa in the third round of their scheduled 12 rounder at the Red Carpet Inn.

Oklahomans who know their boxing insisted before the match that Thompson, who has been called the finest amateur fighter the Sooner state ever produced, could pull off the big upset.

Thompson came out in the first round looking to do just that.

"Bubba," unimpressed with his foe's world rating, sailed out of his corner at the initial gong and nailed O'Grady with a steaming left hook that surprised the "Green Machine" and the standing room only crowd.

O'Grady, however, came right back and the two slugged it out for the rest of the round much to the satisfaction of the fans.

Early in the second round, O'Grady, 117½, took control of the fight when he decked Thompson, 118, with a crisp left hook to the point of the jaw. Sean was able to floor the now stunned Thompson twice more in the round but the bout was not yet O'Grady's as the three knockdown rule was waived by both prior to the contest.

After being dropped early in the third, Thompson made one final effort to gain control of the fight and he did land a desperation left-right-left combination but once more he wilted under O'Grady's steady punching.

A booming right floored Thompson for the count at 1:37 of the round.

In the ten round co-main event, Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City's other world rated baxer, took two seconds longer than O'Grady in disposing of his foe when he stopped Texas veteran Harold Brown at 1:39 of the third.

For Gardner, the World Boxing Council's 10th ranked junior middleweight and the North American junior Middleweight Champion, it marked his first appearance in the ring in over eight months.

Brown, 161, proved to be no more than a punching bag for the heavy fisted cityan. The Killeen, Texas resident was dropped four times before referee James Williamson finally stopped the "fight". Gardner, 154, at times appeared a bit rusty but it made little difference against the hapless Brown.

In a four round heavyweight contest, comebacking Claude "Humphrey" McBride scored his second straight knockout by putting Wichita's Tom Hargis to sleep in the second round.


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▲Two weeks later at the Red Carpet Inn, talented city bantamweight Sean O'Grady, tuning up for his bout with world rated Danny Lopez, made short work of Arkansas featherweight champion Shannon Williams by scoring a second round TKO.

O'Grady, 121, had no trouble with the 126 pound Williams. The "Green Machine" punched Williams practically at will throughout the first round, dropping the Little Rock fighter at the end of the session. After O'Grady sent his foe through the ropes early in the second round, referee James Williamson stopped the mismatch.

## RING HIGHLIGHTS 1975, AUSTRALIA

*By RAY MITCHELL*

**SYDNEY, AUS. — As the light of 1976 comes shakily into view it is timely to review the year just concluded, and it was not a very successful one though it was highlighted by some great fights,** some 50 main-events in this island continent being outstanding. Selecting the top ones is difficult, but there were two absolute standouts, and I was fortunate enough to referee both.

For a contest that had everything, skill, drama, every facet of boxing and a fantastic output of punches; the first meeting between Robbie Williams, 130, and Wayne Wallace, 126, at St. Marys Band Club on October 9, gets my vote. Result was a draw. Which proves once again that you don't have to match two champions to get the best fight. These lads never will be Australian champs, but they are in the top ten here.

Then there was the N.S.W. State junior welter title tilt between Ross Eadie and Jade Emerald at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford, on April 23. For solid life-or-death struggle, superhuman sustained action, call on stamina, atmosphere and crowd reaction during and after a fight, this must gain a special award. Emerald was the defending champion, but Eadie won on points. Eadie is leading contender for Hector Thompson's Australian crown.

Hector Thompson once again was unsuccessful in a bid for a world title, this time being halted by Antonio Cervantes through a cut eye. Hec is among the top two or three in the world, but lacks that final bit needed to beat a great world champion.

Boxer Of The Year was Brian Roberts, a young bantamweight who won the Australian title by outpointing Big Jim West on August 21, and the last round of this one was undoubtedly the Round Of The Year. With enough points in hand to outfit a porcupine, Roberts had the most trying three minutes of his life in that last heat, and the seat of his pants touched the canvas a split second before the final bell. Referees Jimmy Carruthers crowned Brian a points winner as he was rising to his feet.

Roberts is the only Australian ever to beat Paul Ferreri, though strangely, Ferreri gets a world rating and Roberts doesn't. How come?

Tony Mundine apparently came to the end of the road with a points loss to Rudy Robles, followed by a one-round KO defeat by James Marshall. But Tony, who retired after those losses, made a return, this time as a light-heavy, and has shown himself to be much stronger and has collected the Australian and Commonwealth light-heavyweight titles by knocking out Steve Aczel. He defended the Commonwealth crown by knocking out Victor Attivor in the second round.

Best rising prospect in Australia at the moment is young junior lightweight Barry Michael. He will win an Australian title this year, either at junior light or lightweight, though the lightweight should be easier for him.

Numbers were down in 1975. There were 166 promotions around Australia in a total of 31 venues, and 768 boxers — apart from importations, were active. New South Wales was the most active State with 132 promotions. South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, with Bernie Hall as matchmaker, promoted most times: 36. Bernie also is matchmaker for St. Marys Band Club and Manly-Warringah Leagues Club.

TV Ringside, so popular for years, dropped down to only seven shows, although many promotions at the Melbourne and Brisbane Festival Halls (where TV Ringside was shown) took place without TV.

Busiest boxer was featherweight Roger Henry, with 20 fights during 1975. Second was Robbie Williams, with 19, third Ross Eadie and John Layton, each with 16.

Williams and Henry engaged in the last fight of 1975, which took place since my last report. That was at Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale, on December 16. And what a fight it was! There were nine knockdowns in it. Williams went down in the second round, but decked Henry seconds later.

Henry went down early in the third, but dropped Williams near the end of that heat, and Robbie was only a whisker from being out when he regained his feet. He weaved away from three punches and the bell sounded. From then on Henry was the only one on the deck, though Williams was shaken. I counted out Henry late in round five. Seconds later Roger said he wanted to fight Williams again.

Coming into 1976 Australia has four Commonwealth titles: Tony Mundine, light-heavy; Hector Thompson, junior welter; Billy Moeller, junior light; Paul Ferreri, bantam.

However, Ferreri has been ordered to defend his title and hasn't anything lined up although Brian Roberts repeatedly has challenged him. It seems that Paul will be stripped and Roberts will be in one corner in a vacant title tilt. Roberts should beat anything in the British Commonwealth.

Australian champions as at January 1976 are: Steve Aczel (heavy), Tony Mundine (light heavy), Semi Bula (MIDDLE(, Shane Patrick (junior middle), Rocky Mattioli (welter), Hector Thompson (junior welter), Matt Ropis (light), Billy Moeller (junior light), Tony Ryder (feather), Brian Roberts (bantam), and Charlie Brown (fly). By the end of 1976 how many of the above will hold Australian crowns? My guess only one or two, perhaps three.

The new season starts soon and 1976 should have more activity than 1975. Here's hoping.

## JACKSON DROPS OSMOND THRICE IN 1ST

*By BOB RUIZ*

**Omaha, Nebr.** — Omaha's Morris Jackson, 225, put away Dallas import, Rusty Osmond, 202, at the close of round one in the main event here. Osmond hit the deck three times while losing on an automatic TKO.

Although it was Osmond hitting the floor, it was Ron Stander that Jackson had in mind. Stander had scored a two round stoppage over Morris in Jackson's previous outing, and the rangy heavyweight wants one more go at rugged Ron. The two have been familiar arch-rivals in Omaha, and Jackson won't rest, "Until I put him away once and for all."

Veteran Harold Carter, 184, Cleveland, had too much experience for rookie Clifford Stephens, 203, Dallas, and won their ten rounder by unanimous verdict.

Stephens absorbed much punishment, finishing bloody and battered, but his gallant efforts throughout made the fight and established him as a fan favorite.

Making his pro debut, Jimmy Wooten, Council Bluffs, made short work of Al Hughes, Chicago, with a TKO in one, lightweights; Tony Chiavirini, Kansas City, was too strong for the rusty but dead game Frank Formaro, Des Moines, TKO win for young Tony in the second round, middleweights.

This card was the first effort of the newly-formed 1140 boxing club which hopes to run pro bouts on a monthly basis.

## CHICAGO BOXING LACKS LOCAL COVERAGE

*By JIM BRADY*

**CHICAGO, ILL. — As 1975 fades into history, it's time for reflection on the state of boxing in the Chicago land area.**

Locally there were more cards promoted in the Windy City this year, than at any time since the early '60's. Unfortunately crowds were small, although interest appears to rising as young fighters are gradually being developed.

The biggest obstacle to a successful promotion in Chicago is unquestionably the news-media. Virtually no coverage is given to boxing, consequently promoters are forced to proceed at their own risk.

In September, promoter Jack Cowen staged an impressive card headlined by former bantamweight champion Romero Anaya. In spite of the fact that 4 ten rounders were scheduled, including the rare opportunity of seeing an ex-titleholder (Anaya) in the flesh; not one word of publicity was given by any of Chicago's 3 major newspapers.

But Lady Luck smiled on Cowan. Operating under this veil of secrecy, the show drew an amazing $12,100, the largest gate of the year. But the question arises: What would the card have drawn had it gotten any decent publicity?

Among the promising localites to emerge in 1975 were: Young Joe Louis (Ed Taylor), a powerful hard-hitting heavyweight. The 20-year old, currently undefeat in 4 bouts, notched impressive wins over vets Sylvester Wylder and Joe Batten.

"Smokin" Walter Moore, former National Golden Glove Champion, who's unbeaten in 7 bouts with 6 victims departing via knockout. Presently managed by Alonzo Johnson, Moore's progress has been impeded by lengthy periods of inactivity.

Properly trained and motivated, Walter is Chicago's best heavyweight prospect in years. But at 27, time is running out!!!

Danny Brewer — A lethal punching light heavyweight who has scored convincing KO wins over Chuck Warfield, Doug Demmings, and "Indian" George Davis. But Brewer also 27, is plagued by very bad management. With less than 12 bouts under his belt, he's fought such foes as Billy "Dynamite" Douglas and Hildo Silva. Decently managed, Danny could go places.

Al "Firebrand" Clay — A flashy 25 year old middleweight who sports a 5-1 record since turning pro. A good boxer-puncher, he's flattened Monte Cady, Billy Goodwin, and Emmett Atlas. His only loss was a 6 round TKO to former "Ring Prospect of the Month," Gary Guiden.

Tim Adams — Winner of numerous local amateur titles; the 25 year-old welterweight has notched an 8-4 log since turning pro in 1973. A good boxer and fair puncher, he's beaten Bobby Crawford (KO2), Len Johnson (KO2), and Fred "The Stepper" Harris. Currently Tim is one of the best welterweights in the Midwest.

Ricky Thomatis — Slick boxing 22 year-old welterweight who handily defeated Gaetan Hart and knocked out former All-Army champion Gary Holmgren. Must see more action though.

Lou Capparelli, former Chairman of the Illinois Athletic Commission, died at age 73. Lou, who will be surely missed, was replaced by Tony Abbato.

Nick Castiglione, hard-hitting welter of the 40's is seriously ill in Chicago.

Cowboy Eddie Anderson, classy lightweight who fought in the 20's, is alive and looking very well at 74.

▲Chicago Ill. — Fred "The Stepper" Harris, Milwaukee, KOed Marion Thoma Indianapolis at :57 of the 4th round.

Tim Adams, 143, Chicago, outpointed Bobby Orr, 144, Chicago, over 8 rounds.

▲In Chicago, Ill., young Joe Louis, 189, Chicago, outpointed Art Pullians, 191, Chicago over 7 rounds.

Bobby Crawford, 144, Chicago, KOed Wayne Bishop, Chicago (2).

Al Hughes 137, Chicago and Bobby Plegge Drew (4).

Tony Reed 124, Chicago and John Alexander 125, Chicago Drew (4).

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# IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

# Lujan, 4 to 1, Upset By Coria in San Diego

SAN DIEGO — A major upset was recorded at the Arena here, as 4-1 shortender Ruben Coria, 126½, Los Angeles, decisioned Manny Lujan, 125½, San Diego, in the 10 round main event.

This was only the second loss for the talented Lujan, who is just 19 years old. A rematch is in order.

In a second 10-rounder, San Diego's Carlos Tijerina, 173½, outscored Budda Brooks, 174, Los Angeles, in a lively, fast paced scrap.

Juan Morales, 144, National City, KO over John Lujan, 144, San Diego, (2); Santiago Meza, 128, Tijuana, and Joe De Baker, 126½, San Diego, drew (4).

The gate was $3,030.

**Stockton** — Stan Ward, 232¾, Sacramento, was a bit too busy for Dwain Bonds, 209½, Los Angeles, taking a well earned 10 round decision at Civic Auditorium.

Artemio Jeronimo, 122½, Los Angeles, stopped Vergilio Amano, 124, Stockton, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

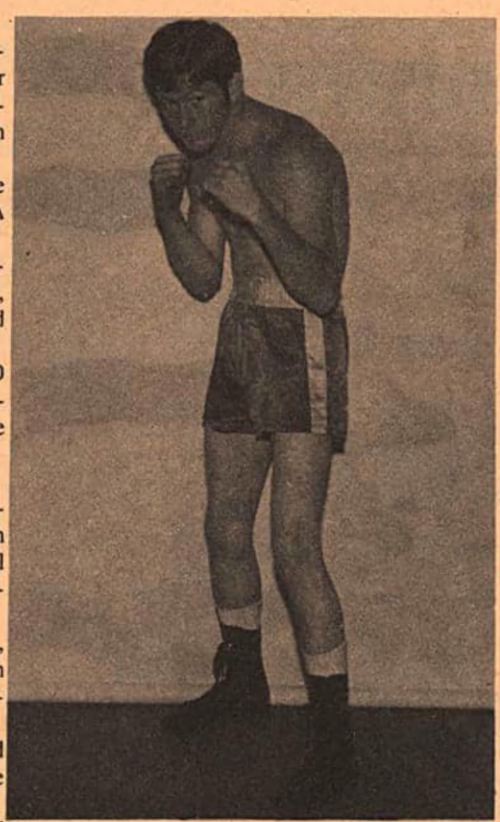
Fernando Gil, 135, Los Angeles, knocked out Nacho Jimenez, 134½, Mexico, in the third round of their eight rounder.

**Los Angeles** — Frankie Duarte, the blond Mexican from Venice (Cal) was in control most of the way against Seco Luna of Mexico in their 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Scoring knockdowns in first and eighth rounds, Duarte collected a unanimous decision and his 21st victory against two losses. The weights: Duarte, 119, Luna, 118.

Pete Constancio, 137, Bakersfield, dec. over Ricardo Garcia, 145, Los Angeles, (6); Bernardo Mercardo, 215, Colombia, KO over Marv Johnson, 210, Los Angeles, (1); Cole St. John, 160, Downey, and Jeff Morgan, 160, Los Angeles, drew (5).

**Los Angeles** — A knockdown in the fourth round proved the winning margin for Irish Jimmy Heair, 138½, El Paso, over Rudy Hernandez, 136, Stanton (Cal)., in their 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.



**Danny (Little Red) Lopez has been chosen Southern California's "Fighter of the Year" for 1975.**

Making his first Los Angeles appearance in over a year, Heair was awarded a split decision that left the fans and press divided.

Hernandez, a classy type of boxer, made a hit in forcing the more experienced Heair to hustle all the way. The referee, John Thomas (6-5) and judge Rudy Jordan (5-4) favored Heair. Judge Marty Denkin had it for Hernandez (6-3).

The gate was $6,299.

Alberto Sandoval, 117½, Los Angeles, dec. over Sergio Martinez, 116½, Mexico, (6); Roman Contreras, 128, East Los Angeles, dec. over Martin Avila, 131, Monterey Park, (5); Alex Lopez, 124, Los Angeles, KO over Enrique Torres, 121, Los Angeles, (1).

Los Angeles' exciting Danny (Little Red) Lopez has been named Southern California's "Fighter of the Year" for 1975.

After losing to Famoso Gomez early in the year, the 23-year-old Ute Indian recovered to chalk up four straight knockouts. The last was a seventh rounder over ex-bantam and featherweight champion Ruben Olivares.

The Lopez-Olivares battle was the year's best.

Art Hafey of Canada and San Diego, who ran up 13 straight wins during 1975, was a narrow second to Lopez. Also, welterweight Carlos Palomino was another standout in local boxing.

Veteran manager Howie Steinder, who guided Lopez into a top featherweight contender's role, was the "Los Angeles Times" Hawn's choice as "manager of the year."

The Forum Boxing Club showed an increase in revenue in '75 over the previous year. Six "live" promotions, plus two closed circuit fights grossed $10,210.77.

The topper was the $401,930 gate for the Olivares-Bobby Chacon WBC featherweight title go.

Aileen Eaton's Olympic Auditorium grossed $533,077 for the year with the Chacon-Papelero Estrada title fight gross of $134,615 as their tops.

## BYRD STOPS RAMON IN 7TH

*By BART RIPP*

**CLOVIS, N.M.—Slick Clovis lightweight Brooks Byrd, 134, knocked out San Antonio's Rocky Ramon, 134, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10-round main event in the Clovis High gym.**

Known in Clovis as "Bad Baby" Byrd, the former national Golden Gloves champion is eager for fights and can't seem to get them in the Southwest.

Haas, Byrd, and Clovis featherweight Earl Large recently returned from Delicia, Chihuahua, Mexico, where Byrd won a 10-round unanimous decision—no mean feat—over Coneho Ruiz of Torreon. Byrd weighed 136, Ruiz, 138.

In a preliminary bout, Large knocked out Edel Burunda in the seventh round.

"I've got some of the most unappreciated little fighters going," says Haas, who also handles Melvin Johnson, the fifth-rated flyweight in the Ring U.S. ratings. "My number is 505-763-7561 and it gets awful lonely out here. I wish some promoters would call."

## "NO FUTURE IN BOXING," SAYS JOE BUGNER

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was shocked that a man with a chance to box for the world heavyweight title, could look as if he didn't give a damn if he won or lost.

Not being English, Bugner will never be a hero in England, like Tommy Farr and Henry Cooper. But he's well off, and Joe and his wife don't have to worry about the future. Bugner ends his career with a mark of 51-7-1.

## JAPANESE WRITERS NAME SUZUKI "FIGHTER OF YEAR"

*By JOE Y. KIOZUMI*

**TOKYO, JAPAN — WBC's lightweight leader Guts (Suzuki) Ishimatsu was named "Fighter of the Year" by Tokyo Sports Writers Club.**

Ishimatsu retained his version three times in the year, as he defeated Ken Buchanan, Scotland, in 15 heats, outscored Mexico's Tury Pineda in 15 rounds and knocked out Alvaro Rojas, Costa Rica, in the 14th session.

He is the only international titlist that Japan boasts, although we had five champions at the beginning of 1975. Other Awards by the Club were given to Nipponese fighters whose campaigns were evaluated highly.

Technique: Shoji Tsujimoto (national welterweight champion); Valuable Win: Koichi Wajima (ex-world junior middleweight champion who recaptured the crown from Oscar Alvarado, Texas, in 15 upset rounds in Jan.); Fighting Spirit: Kuniaki Shibata (former world junior lightweight titlist who has fought for 10 years, longest of all the Japanese ringmen); Efforts: Susumu Hanagata; Knockout: Royal Kobayashi; Rookie Citation: Kazunori Tenryu (national junior flyweight titlist). The Special Award was given to Takeo Ugo, referee of Japan Boxing Commission, who took an important role as the third man in an Ali vs. Bugner encounter in Malaysia in July, 1975.

The sensational kayo of Ishimatsu by Alvaro Rojas was chosen "Fight of the Year" without objection. The lightweight victor had reduced the weight by about 30 pounds in a month in winter, continued a sluggish fighting but flattened the Costa Rican with one right leather.

Haruo Niwa, president of Korakuen Stadium, was announced to be new commissioner of JBC, following the late Yachiyo Manabe, whose long contributions to our fighting could not be thanked too much. Shoichi Shuhara who had executed for the former commissioner for a while also died due to an illness in the last month of the year (December 13). An emergency meeting of JBC elected Niwa legitimate man to succeed Manabe.

Niwa, 68, is the third chief of the Commission since the organization was established in 1951, when Yoshio Shirai won the first world championship by a decision from Dado Marino, Hawaii, in the flyweight contest, Tokyo. To end a vacancy of JBC's leadership may be good for reconciling a split condition of JBA (Japan Boxing Association) which consists of all managers, club honors and matchmakers.

▲Fel Clemente, busy featherweight from the Philippines, won a split decision to keep his Orient title from Sanjo Takemori, Japan, in 12 hard-fought frames at Korakuen Hall. Some 1200 spectators were in attendance to see Fel's first defense since he had dethroned another Nipponese, Zensuke Utagawa, via a 6th round kayo route in March last year. The Filipino winner, 26, positively battered the local favorite all the way after he found the loser's weakness in the breadbasket. Clemente's body bombardment was so effective as to have Sanjo's mobility fading fast. One judge, Kanaya of Japan, took the affair for a draw, however third man, Ugo and Filipino Guidote, imported judge, gave unanimous votes to the aggressive Clemente.

▲Having been knocked out by Alexis Arguello in the fifth round in his previous encounter last October, Royal Kobayashi met a veteran named Ushiwakamaru Harada, 127¾, at Korakuen Hall. Kobayashi, 127½, outscored the man whose weapon was a whirlwind attack as his retired brother Fighting Harada. Ushi's gameness refused to be demolished by the KO artist who had sent 16 victims in 18 wins to dreamland. Some 2400 fans were in attendance there.

▲Lefty and crafty Shoji Tsujimoto, national welterweight leader at 146¾, successfully retained his title for the eight time, as he unanimously decisioned Ryuichi Kawashiro, 145, in 10 shutout rounds. Korakuen Hall saw the southpaw outspeed and outmaneuver the less experienced opponent. Shoji gave a sound lesson to Kawashiro whose progress had been expected by experts after his actions in Hawaii for ten months.

▲Yasuji Yajima, 133¾, became Japan's lightweight champion, after he barely outpointed Jumbo Nakatsuka, 133½ pounds, in 10 hairline rounds, Tokyo. The title had been left vacant because of Big Yamaryu's eye ailment.

▲Korean news reported that Shoichi Yanagawa, Japan, was polished off by Lim Jae Keun, Orient titlist, in the fifth round of an overweight go. In a supporting ten, Tamio Negishi was also stopped by Guh Sang Mo in the fourth session.

Only Japanese winner was Spider Nemoto, ex-national feather boss, who dropped Choi Moon Shuk to score a unanimous decision in ten.

## BOBBY O'BRIEN TAKES PHILLIPS IN 3

*By CHARLES DOUGLAS BROWN*

**Sunnyside Gardens, the Queens, N.Y. boxing center enjoying a revival, got a good response in its recent shows.** Some 1,350 fans crowded into the hall, a lot of them consisting of rooting sections for various fighters. Light-heavy contender Bobby Cassidy was going to fight Harold Carter of Ohio, but Cassidy had the flu and good-bye bout. But the moved-up semifinal was suitable; the prelim fighters, save one, showed more snap than usual, and things sent smoothly.

The "fighting cop," Irish Bobby O'Brien (171;) won the second bout of his latest comeback in thrilling style, flattening substitute Roger Phillips of Pittsfield, in three.

Phillips, whose nickname is "Madman," looked more like a dead man for the first two heats. He visited the canvas four times in that period, plus one slip.

One of the knockdowns should have been a slip, but three knockdowns were real, O'Brien using both hands to score them. It looked like a cinch for O'Brien, who charged out of his corner in the third—and was caught coming in with a right hand to the chin. Down went O'Brien as the crowd roared. O'Brien got up at 8, and about 45 seconds later shot a left hook to Phillips' button. Phillips went down for the fifth, and last, time. It was a thriller. Sucker punch or not, O'Brien said that he had scored the KO on instinct and never saw the decking punch or remembered a thing afterward. Harold Valan did his usual good refereeing job.

In the semi-final, Angel Cintron (137, Puerto Rico) outpointed wild-swinging George Fakaris (140, Greece—Long Island) in six. Cintron avenged a disputed loss to Fakaris three weeks previously, on Long Island, Cintron, formerly a "poser," has developed a new aggressive style. This aided him against the ever-pressing but clumsy Fakaris, who should learn what a jab is if the expects to succeed in boxing. Fakaris had Cintron in trouble in the second, but got tangled with him and held him up. Bulls are dangerous, but they can be outsmarted, and Cintron did that in the later rounds as Fakaris tired from his own 90-degree arc blows. Cintron wants Paddy Dolan, Long Island lightweight, whom he has lost twice to, again. A quartet finished things up.

Charles Benjamin, of Hartford, Conn., won his first fight in three tires. He whipped Sandy Alexander, of the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang, in a gory four-rounder. Alexander had a big cut over the left eye right off the bat, and it worsened as things went on. He also picked up nose and cheek cuts. When Benjamin landed four hard rights with no return, the ref sent Alexander home at 1:06 of the final round. Sandy took at least five stitches and looked like a machete victim when he was saved. Benjamin, 150, Alexander, 153¼.

Johnny Sears (151), Brooklyn middleweight, got more points than Terry Rondeau (150½) in four rounds. Then again, so could have the star attraction at a wake. Rondeau, of Boston, was so out of shape he wouldn't have lasted the first mile in an anti-busing march. He lost the second round automatically for hitting and holding, and the others willingly by just plain not fighting. He did use his elbow to try to trip Sears on separate occasions. Rondeau is a prime candidate for a body transplant.

The thriller of the night was the four-session draw between pro debuter Gerard Hayes (126, Newark) and NYC cop Joey Saldano (129). Saldano was left-hand crazy while Hayes' best punch was a striaght right that found the target often. A last-round exchange in a corner was a real wowser. The even-steven verdict was generally accepted, though Saldano had his supporters.

Another NYC cop, John O'Donoghue, tried pro fighting and came out a decided cropper. His pro career lasted 2:37 of the first round, which was when Otis Gordon (174, Hartford) knocked him flat after first bloodying his nose. Back to traffic tickets, eh, John? He weighed 177.

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## WATTS GETS UNPOPULAR NOD OVER HAGLER

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draw six weeks earlier.

Artis broke open a close fight down the stretch as he refused to let Goss trap him on the ropes. Instead, he kept the action in mid-ring where his side-to-side motion and his constant switching to a southpaw stance had Goss befuddled.

The ninth was Artis' biggest, as he stunned Goss with a hard right and sealed the decision.

Artis now is 11-1-3 record (six KOs). Goss slipped to 41-9-2 (19 KOs).

In the prelims: Wade Hinnant, 133, North Philadelphia, KO'd Quentin Blackman, 132, North Philadelphia, at 1:20 of the third; Gerald Hayes, 124, Newark, N.J., won on a disqualification in four rounds over low-punching Johnny Barr, 125, North Philadelphia; Tony Tassone, 157, South Philadelphia, drew in four with James Macey, 161, North Philadelphia; Paul Kallai, 110, Cherry Hill, N.J., won in four over Ralph Baker, 116, Blackwood, N.J., in a battle of area jockeys.


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## WELLS BLASTS VERDICT OVER FLORES

*By HARLAN HAAS*

**▲Houston, Texas—Irish Gene Wells the Mobile Mauler and the writer sat around an apartment discussing his fight with Jose Martin Flores the veteran Mexican middleweight which was just three hours away.** The writer said, "Gene, he is tough and on a given night can beat a lot of people as his record shows.

"He'll come right at you and he has a billygoat style. He won't hesitate to put his head in your face."

By midnight Irish Gene was suffering from a cut near his hairline and beneath an eye. It turned out to be a first-class brawl. The salty campaigner from Mobile was the unanimous winner, but it was far from a cake-walk. The scalp wound came during the early minutes of the heated battle, and I'm sure Gene must've said to himself "Double H was putting it down straight."

Wells snappy left jab, and combination punching took their toll and a puffy eyed Flores could console himself with the thought that he was in with one of the world's leading junior middleweights and made the man hump it all the way. Wells weighte 155, Flores 158.

Maurice (Termite) Watkins, 135, Houston, stopped an outclassed Bobby Flores, 135, San Antonio by way of the border. It took the Termite six rounds to dispose of his adversary. In an interesting six rounder Frankie (Lugo) Palofox, 117, Houston, outdueled Jose Luis Ramjw, 115, Houston. Aundra Love, 140, Houston, decisioned tough Rojelio Flores, 145, San Antonia, in a fast four. Mike Taylor, 153, Houston, stopped Juan Garcia, 152, Houston, in three.

▲Galveston, Texas—Melvin Dennis is a very dangerous fighter and when he is in the mood to destroy—look out! On this particular night the one-time National AAU welterweight champion was in that kind of a somber mood, and his flashing fists felled Cherokee Charlie Small in the eighth round. Dennis set Small up repeatedly with left jabs, and then came the left hooks and right crosses. It seemed that Small was flatfooted all night, and couldn't get anything going—but I'm positive the quick fisted Dennis' style had something to do with the way Small looked. I'll take nothing away from Cherokee Charlie who has gone to the post nine times this year, and you'll find very few turkeys among the folks he has been called on to confront. Charlie weighed 159, Dennis 154.

Tom Pinner, 141, Newton, stopped young Dennis Haggerty, 142, Dallas, in the fourth round. It was a battle until the finish. Pinner is always in a good scrap, and is managed by my old amigo Dick Menchaca. Felix (The Cobra) Cora, 163, Galveston, is a young fighter engaging in only his second pro start but ye gads this dude can punch holes in your clothes and on this cool evening in breezy Galveston he demolished the much more experienced Charles Cook, 158, Dallas, in the very first round.

Watch "The Cobra" as he has that devastating striking power and he is trained by a guy who believes in physical condition ex-Marine Walt Hailey. In another prelim Robert Quintinilla, 130, Houston, stopped Dario Cordova, 132, in the third round.

▲Jacinto City, Texas—It just wasn't such a hot night for Leprochauns not even Fighting Leprochauns. The elfin-like Jerry Kornele was decked out in the usual green and he fought like a sawed off edition of the late Rocky Marciano but it served him no purpose as he dropped a rockem-sockem brawl to San Antonio's Rocky Romon in a 12-rounder for the vacant Texas lightweight crown. Kornele started fast, but the bigger Alamo City slugger outgunned the man in green down the stretch. Both weighed 135. Ramon lead on all three cards—116-114 on referee Bill Yeager's, 115-111 and 115-112 on those of judges Woody Meyers and ex-fighter Steve Freeman.

For what it is worth it is the writer's humble opinion that Kornele is a better featherweight or at most a junior lightie.

Bad Bill Clear, 203, Jacinto City, needed only two rounds to flatten Vern Johnstoh, 209, Beaumont, and remain unbeaten. Clear, who has few equals as a street fighter, seems to have gotten his thing together now and you're going to hear plenty from this brawling youngster with the brick-like fists. John English, 149, Houston, kayoed Rene Pagan, 156, San Antonio, in the third round. English is proving to be an exciting young fighter on The Arena boxing cards. Eddie Mitchell, 148, Beaumont, stopped Juan Hernandez, 153, San Antonio, in the fourth round.

▲Look for big Lee Canolito to become the big drawing card during 1976 down here in Texas. The former standout defensive tackle for the University of Houston is ticketed to make his pro boxing debut early in 1976 under the management of veteran boxing man Hugh Benbow.

Canolito stands 6-5, weighs 257 after lopping off some poundage from his football weight of 270, and he turned 22 in November. He is unbeaten in eight amateur fights with six knockouts. He twice beat Jody Ballard as an amateur, kayoed Nehemiah Jones twice, kayoed Barry Yeats in one round after Yeats had gone to the finals of the National AAU tournament in 1973, kaoyed Rafael Waddell, kayoed Joey Bevil, and All Navy Champ Ike Harris in the National AAU tournament in Shreveport a few months back but had to bow out of that tournament becasue of an injured right hand.

Unless the writer misses a guess this sensational and powerful punching young Italian will become the biggest box office attraction since Roy Harris and Cleve Williams were in their heyday. With the colorful Hugh Benbow guiding him you'll be hearing plenty in the months to come.

So, put the name of LEE CANOLITO down right now as the heavyweight of the future. He's a ponderous puncher and agile enough to have been a fine highschool basketball player.

Prisciliano (Zip) Catillo had won seven consecutive fights during 1975, before dropping a hard-fought 10-round decision to Jean Piedvache in Paris and the crowd pleasing style of the fiery Latin was cheered by the fans. So, it seems that Zip Castillo is going to be a much sought after fighter during 1976. The rugged Castillo is ready for the best junior welters as he proved in his fight with Piedvache ranked number three in Europe.

Johnny Boudreaux, Robert Bish's outstanding young heavyweight, is a strong contender for the Progress of the Year award. He has made the jump from Class C to a near ranking position among the worlds best big guys. During 1975 he has beaten Cookie Wallace, Tony Doyle, and Charles Atlas.

Two good bets to capture a lot of attention among the young fighters during 1976 are Bad Bill Clear the potent punching heavyweight from Jacinto City and Felix (The Cobra) Cora, a devastating puncher from Galveston. The 160-pound Cora kayoed Robert Perry in one round then followed by blasting Charles Cook to sleep in the very first round and the job he turned in on Cook was even quicker than the one turned in by Johnny Baldwin on Cook.

How times does pass by. Seems like only yesterday when the writer first met Manny Gonzalez (ir was actually early 1957 just before Manny turned pro) but it has been over 18 years ago. Much water has passed under the bridge since that time. Manny was a perennial ranking welterweight and had two cracks at the world title. Today, he is still in training but hasn't had any 1975 fights, but looks good in the gym. His sons, Eddie, 16, and Raymond, 14, are now highly regarded young amateur boxers. Both are bigger than Manny. Eddie stands 6-2 and weighs 170 and won the Silver Glove Open Division light-heavyweight title while Raymond who is 5-10, 147 pounds captured the Silver Glove Novice welterweight title. Eddie and Raymond both work with the pros in sparring sessions.

Manny, together with ex-fighter Randy Wyatte are training the boys and they get a helping hand from Manny's old trainer the wiley Billy DeFoe (not the original).

Poor Herman Hernandez. It just wasn't his night. Oh well, the writer has had dozens of those kind of nights and I might add days too—you stock around the boxing bizness as long as some of us and you'll get nailed with something besides a sack of sugar, too. Promoter Hernandez, bless his soul, had Sweet Raymond Boyd the oft times ill tempered Pink Panther and Dennis Haggerty a feisty young welter from Dallas booked in the 10-round main attraction. However, Haggerty and his manager Joe Courrege were no where to be found at 8PM and the commish said go ahead with what you got and anyone wishing to leave could get their scratch back. After the show had begun in walks Haggerty and it seems he was involved in a car accident and simply could not make it in time.

Anyway, the main event was withdrawn. The fans did see a rip roaring six rounder between Silvero (Sil) Martinez, 141, Corpus Christi, and veteran Eddie Mitchell, 147, Beaumont. Martinez used superior boxing skills to win a unanimous decision over Mitchell. This Sil Martinez is a pretty decent sort of young fighter, and will get his share of victories in 1976. Audra Love, 135, Houston, wasted very little time in stacking Al Banks, 137, Beaumont, in a corner.

It was all over in the very first round. As famous old ex-fight man Joe Jacobs once remarked (I think this was attributed to him) "I shoulda stood in bed." I'm certain Promoter Hernan Hernandez would have said A-men to that.

▲Dallas, Texas—World Heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali boxed a six round exhibition in Dallas going two rounds apiece with three opponents, Randy Stephens, Bruce Grantham, and veteran Roy (Cookie) Wallace.

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## KATES KILLS FOURIE'S PLAN TO FIGHT CONTEH FOR TITLE

*By ED. CLARK*

**SPRINGS Maurice Mohloai proved that his first win over Maxwell Malinga was no fluke back in May as he again defeated Malinga over 12 rounds at the Kwa Thema Civic Centre to retain his welterweight title.** It was a unanimous decision. Malinga fought his heart out to recapture his crown, but Mohloai gave him no chance, dictating the fight from start to finish.

Rolly Xipu decisioned Jeremiah Nzelwane, 6, junior welters; William Molatudi outscored Dennis Mashigo, 6, catch-weights; Daniel Mapanya outpointed Lemwell Nkumme, middleweights; Jacob Morake won over Lucas Tlala, 4, featherweights.

**▲JOHANNESBURG.** Richie Kates (U.S.A.) won a clear 10 rounds points decision over Pierre Fourie at the Rand Stadium in a fight billed as a final eliminator. If the winner, Fourie was to fight John Conteh in Swaziland. However it was not to be as Kates showed his superiority over Fourie who had a cut above his right eye inflicted in the sixth and finished the fight with a mask of blood. Kates, age 23, was the faster boxer beating Fourie, age 32, to the punch, and dominated the fight by outjabbing Fourie and did damaging work in the clinches.

Fourie obviously having an off-night revealed flashes of his best form in the seventh, when he made use of combinations to gain the round. Kates impressed the 8,000 crowd, and his speed and sharp hitting made Fourie look very ordinary. Fourie's famed left jab and switch to southpaw stance were all handled in a professional manner by Kates, but Kates was warned twice for low blows and Fourie once. Kates's jabbing in the first three rounds had Fourie deciding whether to box or fight. The aggression of the American put Fourie out of his stride.

The fight was marred by much clinching and referee Stan Christodoulou had a master control over the boxers. Fourie had to keep the fight at close quarters due to the greater reach and height of Kates, but met his match in a boxer well schooled in the art of in-fighting.

Fourie will rest till March when he tackles Jorge Ahumada.

Big Mike Schutte, S. African heavyweight champion gained a 10 round points decision over Joe "King" Roman from Puerto Rico. There were no knockdowns, but Schutte, who has the habit of leaning on opponents, pushed Roman thru the ropes in the eighth round. Roman was at a great disadvantage due to the massive bulk of his opponent, but improved as the fight wore on. Roman took all the big fellow's blows without flinching and scored well with body blows at his big target Jules van der Hoogen, the referee, had a tough time with the mauling tactics of both boxers. Schutte employed few clean blows and his victory was far from impressive.

Johnny Sham suffered a badly cut right eye but gamely fought back to clearly outpoint Juan Ramirez from Mexico over 8 rounds. Ramirez could only share the fifth round. Ramirez was very unimpressive in this international junior middleweight bout.

Kokkie Olivier gained revenge by outscoring Les Baker over 6 rounds in a junior welterweight bout.

Harold Volbrecht made his debut in K.O. ing Johnny Nel, 1, middleweights.

**SOUTH AFRICA—EAST LONDON. A record crowd packed the Mdantsane Stadium to see local favorite Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mgxaji clearly outpoint Korean Hyun Chi Kim over 10 rounds.** 26,000 fans cheered their heads off as "Happy Boy" gained this prestige victory bringing him nearer to a title fight in the junior lightweight division. Kim was an aggressive fighter, but Mgxaji was exceptionally clever and fast being punches ahead.

Kim scored well to the body, and some blows connected on "Happy Boy's" jaw, but the S. African showed toughness in coming back with a vengeance. Mgxaji was on target with accurate left jabs and this brought many points his way. The fight started very slowly and the ref had to urge both boxers for more action which they provided and "Happy Boy" picked off a lot of Kim's blows with ease.

Kim stated that "Happy Boy" was the fastest boxer he had faced and tipped him to be a winner against Ben Villaflor, W.B.A. title holder.

In another junior lightweight bout Tsietsi Maretloane won clearly but in an exciting 8 rounds over Joseph Tsotetsi.

Thomas Sithebe TKO'd Cyril Adams, 3, featherweights; Muzukisi Skweyiya decisioned Johannes Sithebe, 6, bantams; Gut Ratazayo decisioned Rafty Mngadi, 6, feathers; Loyiso Mtya outscored Mzwandile Mqanto, 6, junior welterweights.

**▲DURBAN. Both S. Africans Mike Schutte, heavyweight title holder and Kosie Smith, light heavyweight title holder, scored impressive wins over American opponents Bill Carson and Macka Foley at the West Ridge Park Tennis Stadium.** Schutte stopped Carson in the third on a TKO when the towel was thrown in by Carson's trainer Bil Prezant.

Schutte bored in from the bell throwing short rights and lefts, but Carson retaliated with right crosses to the head. Schutte went body hunting with more success and Carson began to wilt under pressure. Carson had a slight cut above the left eye as the round ended.

In the second, Schutte landed heavy blows, and a succession of rights had Carson far from happy. Schutte found Carson to be a "sucker" for a left hook and employed this to good effect. Schutte went after his man in the third, and in less than a minute the fight was over.

Kosie Smith gained a fourth round TKO over Macka Foley after sending Foley to the canvas five times. The end was the same as Carson's efforts as Bil Prezant threw the towel in to save the hapless Foley.

Smith out for the kill in the first met Foley, who kept him at bay with a flicking left jab, and a quiet round proceeded. In the second, a high crashing right caught Foley on the cheek and he took a count of 8. On arising he was felled again to take another count.

The bell came to Foley's rescue and he managed to see out the third with negative and defensive fighting. A left to the head in the fourth sent Foley down again, but showing gameness he arose only to meet a similar blow and go down once more. The towel now came to his rescue.

Louis Fourie, younger brother of Pierre, decisioned Neil Lang over 6 rounds in the welterweight division. Doug Lumley KO'd Hennie Ludick, 3, light heavyweights; Manie van Tonder outscored Kosie Oosthuizen, 4, heavyweights.


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## KEN NORTON SPEAKS, FOLLOWING KO OF LOVELL

*(Continued from page 11)*

"In the meantime, I'll fight anybody else to keep in shape, because I'm like a finely-tuned machine. I have to keep working to be at my best."

"Today," continued Ken, "was really just a workout. In my mind I was the better fighter, and I proved it. And — when I meet Muhammad Ali — I'll feel the same way. In my mind, I'm the better fighter, and I'll come out as the next heavyweight champion of the world."

Ken, meanwhile, is continuing his movie career. He is slated to make a second picture this spring, entitled "Drum". . .to be produced by the famed Dino de Laurentis.

"The cinema world is secondary, though," disclosed Ken. "Boxing is my main thing in life. But. . .there is plenty of time to sandwich in movie-making between my fights."

Asked if he would continue his movie career should he win the world championship crown, Ken exclaimed: "Oh. . .yes! Can you imagine how my price will zoom up once I'm the champ? I might even find time to take acting lessons then."

Meanwhile, Norton lives an affluent and exciting. . .although reckless, life.

"He's the one who turned my hair grey," declared Bob Biron. "We can't keep him from doing crazy things like riding that motorcycle at breakneck speed."

"Yeah. . .I do things recklessly," answered Ken. "I like the action. . .and besides, I believe in fate. When it's your time to go, that's it. And until then, it doesn't matter what you do. You have to take calculated risks to enjoy life."

He went on, "I don't think anything bad was meant to happen to me. I've come out of some experiences that would have been the end of another man. I drove my Mark IV over a bridge, and came out without a scratch. I turned my motorcycle over going about 100 miles an hour, and here again, I walked away.

"Nope" — concluded Ken, "nothing is going to happen to me. Because I'm meant to be the next heavyweight champion of the world. That's the next thing that's going to happen to me. You just watch!"

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By RON OLVER

# Thomas Over McCormack For Welter Title

**Manor Place Baths, London**—Pat Thomas, St. Kitts-born, but living in Wales since a baby, 145½, knocked out Pat McCormack, Irish-born but living in Peckham, 145½, in the 13th round to win the British welterweight title left vacant by John H. Stracey, who is now world champion.

Thomas thus becomes the first Commonwealth boxer to win this title, and at 25 can earn himself a lot of money.

It proved to be an exciting contest, and this particular venue has always had plenty of atmosphere.

McCormack has been quite a force in the light-welter division for some time, but was beaten fairly and squarely on this occasion. His manager Paddy Byrne also promoted the show, and although his man didn't win, Paddy should be well satisfied with the attendance.

There wasn't a lot for the purists. In fact, the Americans would probably have called it a Pier 6 Brawl, both men coming under censure from referee Wally Thom.

In the opening session Thomas was warned for alleged holding, on three occasions, again in the second and third, with another word to him by the referee at the end of the third, and McCormack looked as if he might be getting a grip on this fight, especially when Thomas went to one knee. But it seemed more of a slip than from a punch.

Mac continued his pressure tactics in the second and third, and with a quarter of the fight gone, the Irishman looked confident.

Both boxers' gumshields were knocked out, Thomas's in the fifth and McCormack's in the sixth, and from then on Thomas started to edge in front.

Offences were frequent, hitting on the break, clinching, after-bell punches, and it was no wonder that the rugged McCormack bore the marks of battle, with cuts around both eyes and by the nose.

Yet Mac never gave up trying. He stormed across the ring in the ninth, driving his opponent through the ropes, then on to the ring apron, but Thomas was unhurt, and the last phase of the fight definitely belonged to the boxer from St. Kitts.

In the tenth, Thomas used a variety of punches to keep his man at bay, and Mac was getting frustrated now. In the eleventh it appeared that Mac was hit as he was sitting on the bottom ropes, and his supporters protested vigorously.

**Wayne Evans raises his arms in triumph after stopping British flyweight champion John McCluskey in 1.**

But there could be no doubt that the fight was slipping away from the Irishman. Both men went through the ropes just afterwards, which earned Thomas a warning. It was an untidy contest, yet the incentive was there, and both men were desperate to put in a strong finish.

They were called together and given a severe talking-to by referee Thom at the start of the twelfth, but Thomas looked to have the bout in hand at this stage, yet probably few thought Mac would not survive the final rounds.

Thomas concentrated on the body, and slowed Mac right down until he just had to wilt. A furious combination put Mac down for six, then for another six, whereupon Mac's cornermen tried to signal to the referee that that was enough.

However, the action was continuing, and Thomas got home with a right to the jaw that put Mac down by the ropes, where he tried in vain to lever himself upright as the count was being completed.

Trouble then broke out among rival supporters, but there could be no doubt about the result.

At 29, McCormack would not make an immediate decision about retiring, but will take time to consider.

Albert Hillman, Orpington, 153½, kept his unbeaten record by outscoring Roy Commosioung, Luton, 153, over eight by 80-78, not losing a round.

Apart from one spell in the fifth, when Hillman went down from a long left, and took a round to recover, his clever left lead saw him home with something to spare. Commosioung worked very hard to try and make up the leeway, but couldn't match his opponent for skill.

Kenny Matthews, West Ham, 126½, outpointed John O'Rawe, Derby, 128, over six by 60-58, not losing a round. It was Matthews all the way.

Paul Davis, Stepney, beat Yotham Kunda, Zambia, Kunda being retired by his corner at the end of the first round because of a cut left eyebrow. Welter Davis thus remains unbeaten.

Rocky Munday, Notting Hill, 147½, kayoed Martin Lewis, Colchester, 147, in the second round. Lewis was decked by a left hook, took most of the count in a crouch as if ready to rise at any time, but referee Danny Wells adjudged that he hadn't made it.

**▲Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford—Terry Armstrong, Manchester, 178, beat George Gray, Bradford, 176, the bout being stopped in the seventh when Gray was cut above the left eye.**

This was due to a clash of heads, with both men getting eye injuries, but Gray's was the more serious. Armstrong looked like he was on the way to victory in the opening session, when he shook his man with a right to the head, but southpaw Gray hung on, and was unfortunate to lose in this fashion.

John Chester, Halifax, 112, stopped Peter Scott, Huddersfield, 116½, the referee intervening in the third with Scott helpless. The latter was decked in the first round.

Terry Schofield, Shildon, 151, outscored Dennis Harbon, Bradford, 149, over eight by 79½-77½. Harbon was down twice in the fourth.

Dave Massey, Manchester, 142½, drew with John Sagar, Barnsley, 151, over six. Plenty of action in this one.

**▲Bedfordshire Sporting Club**—Steve Enwright, Halifax, 126, outjabbed Frankie Wagstaff, Bedford, 126½, over six by 60-57, winning every round, and some fans tossed in nobbins in appreciation.

In the only other contest on this Ladies' Night programme, debutant Tony Mattia, Bedford, 136½, beat Joey Gilbert, Leeds, 130, who was ruled out for "butting" in the third. It was Gilbert's second warning for this offence, and both had been warned earlier for wrestling.

**▲Golden Gloves Sporting Club, Blackpool. Peter Freeman, Bolton, 202, outpointed Roger Tighe, Hull, 196, over eight by 79½-78½.**

Freeman made the pace, but Tighe, having his second comeback bout, showed plenty of skill.

The continued aggression of Freeman probably won him the verdict against a southpaw opponent who frequently crossed his left to good effect.

Tighe will improve with more fights under his belt.

Billy Graham, Manchester, 147, comfortably outscored Jim Moore, Bradford, 145, over eight by 80-77½, not losing a round.

There was one stage in the fifth when Moore was staggered by a right to the chin, and Graham kept up the pressure, revealing some accurate punching.

Debutant Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 174, stopped Len Brittain, Doncaster, 173, in the sixth and final round. Brittain was decked in the fourth, and was on the receiving end afterwards.

Another successful debutant was Henry Jacobs, Liverpool, 133, who outsocred Joey Gilbert, Leeds, 131, over six twos by 60-58.

Jacobs produced some snappy scoring punches, and apart from a spell in the fifth, was in command.

**▲Digbeth Civic Hall, Birmingham—Jim Devanney, Bradford, 148½, beat former British welter champion Bobby Arthur, the bout being stopped with 60 seconds to go in the eighth and final round.**

Reason suffered an eye injury that required four stitches, but coming so near the end there were protests from Arthur

and his manager Johnny Griffin.

There was little in it, and it is possible that the winner of the final round could have taken the verdict. But that is pure supposition, as in cases of stoppage the referee's scorecard is not revealed.

Don't ask me why. If the score had been given up to the end of the previous round the fans would have had some indication of the position, instead of being left completely in the dark.

Arthur impressed early on, but Devanney had got back into the fight when the premature end came.

Fourth in a row for Peter Morris, Bridgnorth, 144, who stopped Al Stewart, Ormskirk, 146, in three. Stewart was decked three times.

Garfield McEwan, Birmingham, 188, kayoed substitute Tony Monaghan, Derry, 182, in 17 seconds of the first. As Monagham came forward McEwan brought over a right to the chin and that was that.

Fourth in a row for Brian Huckfield, Birmingham, 195, who outpointed Sid Paddock, Southampton, 198, over eight gruelling rounds.

Huckfield's work-rate was superior, and Paddock was at his best at close-quarters.

Billy Baggott, Birmingham, 175, beat Dave Nelson, Wolverhampton 168, who retired at the end of the fourth. Local favourite Baggott came out on top in this "survival of the fittest" battle.

**▲North Staffordshire Sporting Club, Stoke—Johnny Rushton, Doncaster 163, outscored Mick Hussey, Islington, 162½, over eight by 79½-78.**

The margin seemed a wide one, but it was a crowd-pleaser that produced nobbins. Punch for punch, with Hussey bleeding from the nose, there was a final session that had the fans on their feet.

Rushton deserved his victory, but Hussey contributed more to the fight than the scoreline suggests.

Clive Davison, Walworth, 158, was adjudged to have outpointed Pat Brogan, Crwe, 161, over eight twos by 78½-78, but not many agreed with the verdict.

Johnny Claydon, West Ham, 138, outscored Danny Fearon, Liverpool, 138½, over eight by 79½-77. A comfortable win by Claydon over a stubborn southpaw opponent.

George Gray, Abrdeen, 175, narrowly outpointed Alan Butters, Southampton, 177, by 79-78½ over eight. These two southpaws kept the fans entertained.

Dave Parris, Tottenham, 182, drew with Mal Tetley, Doncaster, 176½, over six twos. Tetley kept his unbeaten record, and some thought he should have got the verdict.

**▲Hamilton Town Hall—Wayne Evans, Waterlooville, 114½, caused a sensation by stopping British flyweight champion John McCluskey, Hamilton, 119¾, in the opening session,** referee Fred Potter intervening after McCluskey had been decked. Mac's title was not at stake.

The British champion had been inactive for twelve months, and never had a chance against the fire-power of the younger Evans, who thus chalked up his seventh pro win in as many fights, and is definitely a threat to anyone of his weight.

Which brings up another question. McCluskey was over the BANTAM limit, but Evans scaled two and a half pounds over the FLYWEIGHT limit. So what is Evans' best poundage? It is thought that he will battle for bantam honours, which leaves McCluskey with still no contender.

So Mac may well decide to retire gracefully with his title still intact. Certainly he has been a credit to the sport, and I have never once heard him or read about him criticising a verdict or making excuses for a defeat.

On this occasion it was the right hand of Evans that did the trick. Although surprisingly he was conceding weight to the champion, instead of the other way round, as was anticipated, Evans shrugged off a few left leads from Mac and stormed in with rights to the head which shook his opponent.

Mac went back against the ropes, his gumshield fell (or was knocked out), he got all tangled up with the ropes, which meant he couldn't move away, and all the time Evans was punching non-stop with both hands.

The British champion eventually was sitting on the bottom rope, from whence he slid to the canvas. Unwisely he rose almost immediately, with mouth bleeding and seemingly in dire trouble.

Anyway, that's what referee Potter thought, for he stopped the action after 2 min. 31 sec.

Full marks to Evans, for taking his chance in such impressive fashion. As for McCluskey, it was the first time he had boxed in front of his hometown supporters. It will probably be the last.

In a final eliminator for the Scottish bantamweight title, Charlie Parvin, Wishaw, 118, outpointed John McKnight, Glasgow, 118, by 99-98 over ten, but as with all close fights the verdict was booed by a section of the crowd.

It was a good fight to watch, and Parvin's aggression from the half-way stage was sufficient to see him alone. McKnight did his best to match his opponent punch-for-punch, and some excellent rallies ensued.

McKnight just failed to maintain his early lead. It was the second time he had lost to Parvin. On the last occasion it was because of an injury stoppage.

Hugh Smith, Chaapelhall, 139, confirmed a previous victory by outpointing Jim Montague, Coventry, 145, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round.

Southpaw Montague was bewildered in the early stages, with Smith being much quicker to the punch, but Jim was allowed to get into the fight as Smith wasted time admiring his handiwork.

However, in the three final rounds, Smith put on the pressure, Montague's left eyebrow was cut, and the winner well deserved his victory.

Yotham Kunda, Zambia, 149, beat debutant John Mount, Wishaw, 150, the referee intervening in round five when Mount was cut on the left eyebrow.

Kunda was decked in the second, and Mount seemed to be on his way to the verdict.

John Breen, Belfast, 159, easily outscored Peter Whittle, Waterlooville, 163¼, by 59½-58 over six twos. Breen moved and punched too quickly for a plucky Whittle.

**▲Sports Centre, Merthyr—Barton McAllister, Clapham, 137, caused an upset by outpointing Johnny Wall, Merthyr, 136, over eight by 79-78½, thus taking away the latter's unbeaten certificate.**

This was a charity promotion arranged by former welter champion Eddie Thomas, and the fans rallied round to make it a full house.

McAllister used his greater experience to outwit Wall, who just didn't seem as sharp as usual. Mac only arrived about a quarter of an hour before the start of the show, but gave a cool, competent display.

Wayne Bennett, New Tredegar, 149, outpointed Errol McKenzie, Cardiff, 149, over eight twos by 79½-78.

Too much clinching in this one, and McKenzie was inclined to go backwards without throwing any punches. Bennett, on the other hand, was prepared to have a go, and did all the positive work.

Debutant Gareth Tashy Jones, Merthyr, easily outpointed Granville Lloyd, Pontypool, 162½, over four twos by 40-37. Lloyd was decked in the first round, also in the third.

Leroy Herriott, New Tredegar, 164, stopped Vern Scott, St. Pancras, 167, in the sixth of a scheduled eight-rounder. A fine crowd-pleaser with Scott decked just before the stoppage.

**▲Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester—Central Area welter champion Jeff Gale, Leeds, 148½, stopped George Salmon, Stoke, 149 in the seventh of an eight-rounder,** the referee intervening when Salmon was on the receiving end.

Matters were even up to the half-way stage, then Gale swept ahead, producing a volley of punches in the seventh that had his opponent shaken.

Steve Carr, Leeds, 206, stopped Kenny Burrell, Worksop, 208, in three. No knockdowns, but Burrell was taking a bit of stick.

Jimmy Pickard, Pudsey, 150, kayoed Nicky Bevans, Kettering, 145, in two. A beautiful right to the chin did the trick.

Dave Tuohey, Leeds, outscored Andy Dane, Kettering, 127½, over six by 59½-58½. A hard fight.

**▲National Sporting Club, London—Peter Brisland, Southampton, 172, stopped Rab Affleck, Irvine, 177½, in the second round.** Affleck, who was decked in the opening session, thus lost his unbeaten streak of ten bouts.

A left to the head dazed Affleck in the first, and he took a short count. A similar punch again shook Affleck in the following session, but he didn't go down, and looked disappointed at the referee's intervention.

NSC patrons are noted for their generosity, and 46 in nobbins was thrown into the ring after Martin Galleozzie, Merthyr, 133, had outpointed Young Silky, Leeds, 137, by the narrowest possible margin of 78½-78 over eight.

A hard-fought encounter throughout, and the second time these two had earned nobbins. And they really did earn their reward.

Galleozzie probably edged it in the final round, and Silky was injured by the left eye.

A suitable finale for referee Benny Caplan, the man who once drew with former World champ Freddie Miller, and who is retiring from his duties as "third man," after 30 years.

Owen Lotriet, Southampton, 159¼, stopped Uton Strachan, Hackney, 158½, the referee intervening at the end of the fourth after Strachan had been decked three times.

Del White, Tottenham, 133, drew with Carl Wickmore, Chiswick, 129¼, over six twos. The latter was making his debut, and showed plenty of confidence.

## NESMITH GIVES MEXICO'S GARCIA EXIT PASS IN 2

*By MICHAEL M. SCHWARTZ*

**INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—John Appels Ten Rounds, Inc., continued its march to boxing success with another outstanding card.**

Appel and his matchmaker, Fred Berns, presented a Dinner/Boxing program at the new Stouffers Indy Inn in the spacious Windsor Ballroom, crawing a capacity crowd to a dinner of tenderloin steak and 4 professional bouts.

The opening bout pitted Cincinnati lightweight Robert Strickland against Lil Al Hughes, of Chicago, over 4 rounds. Strickland was dropped 4 times, taking a mandatory 8 count on each occasion, but continually rallied after each set back to almost pull a losing effort out via a KO.

However, it was a case of too little too late, and Hughes received a split decision.

In the second match, Irish Jimmy Claar 154 Newcastle, Indiana, after an 8 month layoff, boxed Willie Williams, 168, of Cincinnati, in what may go down in Hoosier boxing annuls as one of the greatest come-from-behind finishes ever seen here. In the first round it was all Williams as he blasted the game Irishman at will nearly closing both of Claars eyes and badly bruising his nose.

Claar tried vainly to make a fight of it, but Williams was just too strong and too quick, and after scoring with combinations, danced back out of harms way before Claar could mount a counter-offensive.

The second round was more of the same; Claar waiting for that one big right hand, but Williams firing at will without return. With less than 30 seconds to go in round 2 Williams moved in on Jimmy for what most of the 558 fans thought was the "finish," when suddenly Claar unloaded his lethal right hand catching Willie coming in. Williams stiffened like a board standing straight, as if at attention in a semi conscious state. Claar, the referee Gener Parker and the crowd looked on in disbelief. Parker quickly went to Williams to see what was the matter, and after a brief conference and rest, Willie was able to continue 'til the bell.

In the third round, the $75 a day welder from Newcastel charged out for the "Kill" and to his astonishment found that Willie Williams was anything but finished and a right hand lead followed by a quick left hook found Claar taking an 8 count on the seat of his pants. Claar regained his feet, his composure and resumed the attack hammering Williams into submission at 2:44 of the third round..

In the semi-windup, former Indiana Golden Glove champion and one of the biggest local gate attractions, Santiago "Chago" Valdez captured his 4th pro win in as many starts by destroying Chicago's Bobby Orr at 1:34 of the first round via the 3 knockdown rule. Valdez is the latest addition to the murderous puncher roster being filled by Hooseier fighters. Among them Olympic Bronze Medal Winner Marvin Johnson with 9 KO's in 10 fights.

Stormin' Norman Goins former National AAU and Golden Glove Champ with a pro record of 18-1-1 with 14 KO's and Gary "Ice Man" Guiden with 8 KO's from 10 victories, and Slammin' Sammy NeSmith. Slammin' Sammy met Juan Garcia, Monterrey, Mexico, 157, in the main event scoring his usual brand of KO at 2:04 of the second round.

Garcia made a gallant effort not to give any ground to the long reaching Hoosier 153 pounder, but took some vicious body shots in the first round, and then into the second Sammy brought the attack upstairs dropping the Mexican with a right uppercut.

Gacia, who understands little English, was confused at the count and appeared surprised at Referee Gene Parker's signal calling a halt.

## COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHT**

Champion
Richard Dunn (E)
1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. Bunny Johnson (J)
3. Fonomanu Sekona (T)
4. Billy Aird (E)
5. Mani Vaka (T)
6. Mgozika Ekwelum (N)
7. Danny McAlinden (I)
8. Eddie Neilson (E)
9. Maile Naimona (Saoma)
10. Les Stevens (E)

**LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT**

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Chris Finnegan (E)
3. Roy John (W)
4. Tim Wood (E)
5. Victor Attivor (G)
6. Phil Martin (E)
7. Johnny Frankham (E)
8. Steve Aczel (A)
9. Gary Summerhays (C)
10. Baby Boy Rolle (J)

**MIDDLEWEIGHT**

Champion
Monty Betham (NZ)
1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Alan Minter (E)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Carlos Marks (Tr)
5. Battling Laavassa (Samoa)
6. Dave Downey (C)
7. Gary Broughton (C)
8. Larry Paul (E)
9. Semi Bula (A)
10. Carl Speare (E)

**LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT**

Championship
Vacant
1. Elisha Obed (Bah)
2. Maurice Hope (Ant)
3. Matt Donovan (Tr)
4. Shane Patrick (A)
5. Rocky Patterson (A)
6. Wally Carr (A)
7. Joe Keresi (Fiji)
8. Joe Bavin (NZ)
9. Tony Poole (E)
10. Jimmy Batten (E)

**WELTERWEIGHT**

Championship
Vacant
1. John Stracey (E)
2. Clyde Gray (C)
3. Rocky Mattioli (A)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Eddie Blay (C)
6. Bunny Grant (C)
7. Pat Thomas (SK)
8. Lawrence Hafey (C)
9. Henry Rhiney (J)
10. Trevor Francis (J)

**LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT**

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Martin Beni (Papua)
2. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
3. Joey Singleton (E)
4. Johnny Summerhays (C)
5. Des Morrison (J)
6. Billy Waith (W)
7. Saoul Mamby (J)
8. Ross Eadie (A)
9. Dally Law (A)
10. Dave Green (E)

**LIGHTWEIGHT**

Champion
Jonathan Dele (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Matt Repis (A)
3. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
4. Jimmy Revie (E)
5. Lionel Rose (A)
6. George McGurk (E)
7. Tommy Dunn (E)
8. Dave Richards (A)
9. Paul Bink (A)
10. Len Blackmore (Guyana)

**FEATHERWEIGHT**

Champion
Davis Poison Kotey (G)
1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Vernon Sollas (S)
3. Merv Wockner (A)
4. George Turpin (E)
5. Tony Ryder (A)
6. Bingo Crooks (J)
7. Jimmy Brown (A)
8. Billy Mulholland (A)
9. Gerry Duffy (S)
10. John Mitchell (S)

**BANTAMWEIGHT**

Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)
1. Brian Roberts (A)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Dave Needham (E)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. Paddy Graham (I)
6. Jim West (A)
7. Brian Clout (A)
8. John Kellie (S)
9. Guinea Hillier (A)
10. Jim Slatter (A)

**FLYWEIGHT**

Championship Vacant
1. Pat Mambwe (Zam)
2. John McCluskey (S)
3. Charlie Brown (A)

*Billy Moeller (A) won the vacant and newly-formed Junior lightweight title. He has been ordered to defend against Mama Clay (N). Other contenders Barry Michael (A) and Jimmy Bell (S).*

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## RIOS OUTSPEEDS TENRYU FOR TITLE

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vaunted footwork. The Japanese took the second session.

Rios, weighing 107¼ pounds, studied the shorter Tenryu's positive rally and found that perhaps the latter was the same fighter that he had fought in Panama. From the fifth round on Rios turned quite aggressive, sending sharp leathers incessantly and almost toppling his man time and again. Tenryu, who had bled from the nose previously, had a crimson from it and had difficulty in breathing afterward.

Rios proved to be a Fancy Dan, stepping back and aside to toy with Tenryu, who threw punches monotonously. The fifth, sixth, and ninth rounds were dominated by Rios by a clearcut margin. Plenty of Rios' shots were not so effective due to a lack of power. But Tenryu's stronger blows were missing due to a lack of precision. The Panamanian, whom Japanese fight scribes underrated after a poor performance in sparring sessions with Alfonzo Lopez, flyweight champ of Panama, displayed his specialty, flashing speed, continually.

As the game progressed, it was solved why Rios so easily affirmed an invitation to Nippon to re-meet Tenryu, especially in the latter's hometown; the tiny Kazu was a good victim for Rios' dancing and punching. The winner beat Tenryu unanimously to pile up points from the 10th to the 13th rounds. However the Japanese showed a desperate last burst and sent roundhouse blows to Rios' face.

The last two cantos went to the bleeder due to his aggressiveness. But Tenryu's attack was insufficient to overcome the points deficit in earlier proceedings. The victory upped the 22-year-old hombre's record to 17 wins including 8 knockouts against one defeat and one draw.

Jaime Rios is the first Jr. flyweight champion since the WBA established the class with the limit up to 108 pounds in April last year. He won an eliminator with Rigoberto Marcano, Venezuela, in 15 unanimous rounds last August, after he had proved too much for the Japanese in a semi-final proposed by the WBA. Japan witnessed title losses of both the WBA and WBC in less than three weeks.

## SUMMERHAYS BEATS FORD FOR CANADIAN TITLE

*By FRANK ALLNUTT*

**Edmonton, Canada — Canadian lightweight champion, Johnny Summerhays (Brantford), 134½, made a successful defense of his title by scoring a twelve round unanimous decision over Al Ford (Edmonton), 131.**

It was a bad night all round, the promotion drew a poor turnout of 1200 fans, and Ford put on a very disappointing show to be adjudged by all three officials by a wide margin at the conclusion.

Once again it was Summerhays' fighting style that neutralized all the boxing ability of Ford, who just could not contain the champion. It was reported that Ford had to lose twelve pounds in nine days to make the required weight, after six rounds it was all Summerhays.

Surely Ford, a former Canadian lightweight champion and his handlers knew the weight limit required, so why wait so long to lose the excess poundage and come in at four pounds under the weight limit? At 135, the champion kept up his non-stop aggressive tactics for the entire fight. In close he tied Ford up like an octopus never giving the former champion any punching room. The official scorecards saw it 59-55, 59-53, and 57-52 for the champion, who had a point deducted in the fifth round for what was termed excessive holding.

Canadian light heavyweight champion, Gary Summerhays (Brantford) was to have appeared in the semi-final against Mike Colbert (Portland). When Colbert was injured in training and called off, Jessie Burnett (Los Angeles) was called in as a substitute. The management of Gary Summerhays refused to go with Burnett as a sub, which caused the Edmonton Boxing Commission to suspend Summerhays. Danny Brewer (Perras, California) filled the gap, and Jessie Burnett, 175, scored a KO at the 45 second mark of the third round. The best bout on the card was that between Terry Summerhays (Brantford), 147, and Tommy Howard (Seattle), 153, scheduled for ten rounds.

Terry Summerhays, taking part in his first pro bout in a year due to a virus, was ahead on all scorecards going into round nine when he ran out of gas and Howard began to score at will. At 1.14 of the ninth, when Summerhays was incapable of defending himself, the referee stepped in and halted the bout.

▲**Quebec City** — Former Canadian middleweight champion, Gary Broughton (Brantford) won a unanimous ten round decision over J. G. Fillion (Quebec City). This was the first card held in Quebec for quite some time.

▲**Montreal** — Abie Blanck, who trained boxers in Montreal for more than forty years, died at the age of 57 from a heart attack. Among the fighters he trained were Donato Paduano, Joey Durelle, Maxi Spoon, Harry Hurst and Lou Alter.


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Ken Norton stopped Pedro Lovell, 5.
Ron Stander halted Willie Jackson, 1.
Dante Cane outpointed Benito Penna, 12.
Stan Ward beat Dwain Bonds, 10.
Lou Rogan kayoed Joe Harris, 5.
O. T. Davies and Phil Fritz no contest.
Bernardo Mercardo kayoed Marlyn Johnson, 1.

### LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Tom Bethea drew with Avenmar Peralta, 10.
Eddie Davis kayoed Carlos Espada, 1.
John Capobianco halted Otis, Gordon, 5.
Ernie Burns stopped Francisco Alvarez, 1.
Harold Carter beat Randy Stephens, 10.
Mate Parlov outpointed Onelio Grando, 8.
Bill Douglas kayoed Lee Royston, 6.
Gary Summerhayes stopped Tracey Morrison, 10.
Mike Rossman beat Al Styles, 10.

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Pat O'Connor beat Angel Robinson Garcia, 10.
Bobby Watts defeated Marvin Hagler, 10.
Cole St. John drew with Jeff Morgan, 5.

### JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Vito Antuofermo decisioned Eckhard Dagge, 15, E.B.U. junior middleweight title.
Tony Gardner beat Robert Williams, 15, kayoed Gary Maize, 4.
Perry Abner kayoed Frank Kolovart, 3.
Gene Wells stopped Eddie Davis.

### WELTERWEIGHTS
Luis Lara Acosta kayoed Kadir Yuceler, 5.
Wayne Beale stopped Fred Jiminez, 7.
George Warusfel outpointed Jimmy Savage, 10.
Mike Michaud beat Charley Benjamin, 4.
Gary Holmgren beat Jerry Wells, 6.

### JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Al Franklin halted George Anderson, 4.
Rick Folstad beat Manuel Torres, 4.
Monroe Brooks kayoed Alfonso Jiminez, 2.
Jimmy Heair defeated Andres Gonzalez, 10.
Wilfredo Benitez beat Chris Fernandez, 10.
Josue Marquez outpointed Frankie Benitez, 10.
Dale Hernandez decisioned Tony Martinez, 10.

### LIGHTWEIGHTS
Ray Lampkin kayoed Miguel Estrada, 3.
Dom Monaco beat Johnny Summerhayes, 10.
Pat Dolan stopped by Larry Stanton, 4.
Termite Watkins decisioned Juan Hidalgo, 10.
Pete Constancio outpointed Ricardo Garcia, 6.

### JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Ben Villaflor halted Morito Kashiwaba, 13, retained World Junior Lightweight Title.
Samuel Serrano stopped Manuel Rodriguez, 3.
Tyrone Everett beat Ray Lunny III, 12, U.S. junior lightweight title.
Speedy Gonzalez beat Pedro Diaz, 10.

### FEATHERWEIGHTS
Vernon Solis halted Francisco Villegas, 7.
Jerome Artis beat Sammy Goss, 10, both drew in 10.
Ruben Coria outpointed Manuel Lujan, 10.
Santiago Meza drew with Joe DeBaker, 4.
Alex Lopez kayoed Enrique Torres, 1.

### BANTAMWEIGHTS
Sean O'Grady kayoed Ken Connors, 1. Shannon Williams, 2.
Daniel Troulaire drew with Paddy Maguire, 15, E.B.U. bantamweight title.
Al Duarte outpointed Seco Luna, 10.
Heleno Ferreira beat Adolph Osses, 8.
Al Sandoval outpointed Sergie Martinez, 6.

### FLYWEIGHTS
Jaime Rios beat Kazunori Tenryu, 15, W.B.A. junior flyweight title.
Luis Estaba halted Takenobu Shimabukuro, 10, W.B.C. junior flyweight title.
Paul Kallai beat Ralph Blake, 4.


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## BOXING FROM MIAMI

*By HANK KAPLAN*

**Miami Beach, Fla;—The Beach expects to see Elisha Obed, No. 1 contender for the junior middle title, in action here...** If the fight is made, puncher Leo Saenz will be the other guy in the ring.

▲**Despite the moral and shouting support of heavyweight king, Mohammud Ali, scrappy Gene Wells, 164 3/4, Louisville, failed in his effort to gain a win over substitute John Pinney,** 171½, Tampa, in the ten round feature at the Miami Beach Convention Hall in the last show of the year promoted by Chris Dundee.

Plucky Gene Wells threw caution to the wind as he tried desperately to overcome an early lead established by Pinney. He stood his ground in a toe-to-toe slugfest but the clever Pinney resisted close quarters for lengthy periods. Pinney would attack in slam-bang fashion and then hop out of range as quickly as possible. The contest was quite satisfactory to the spectators but Wells was disappointed as it was obvious he wanted to win with his idol, Ali present.

In the eight round semi-final, Oliver Wright, 202, Kingston, Jamaica, former Olympic representative of that country, outpunched Enrique Rodriquez, 202½, Argentina, all the way to gain the unanimous nod. Wright looked sharp with his damaging right cross but his ruggedly clever foe managed to last the distance. Oliver Wright, in the midst a winning streak, looks better with each appearence.

In a scheduled six rounder, Lou Esa, 248½, Wayne, New Jersey and latest aspirant of the Mendoza Group, racked up his fifth straight knockout in one round in as many fights. His victim, Eugene Idelette, 197, Melbourne, fell to the floor after an assortment of blows to the body. Before the start of this bout, Mohammud Ali rushed to the ringside and carried out a clowning routine with the massive Esa playing the "white hope" role. Esa challenged Ali to come through the ropes but the champ was held back be four cohorts.

In another scheduled sixer, Phil Fritz, 223, Nassau, Bahamas, methodically cut down chubby Tracy Steel, 253, Miami, in the fourth round to earn his victory with a technical knockout. This brought Fritz to 2-1 in local rings.

▲Top flyweight of the roaring twenties, Manny Wexler, passed away at the Shouth Shore Hospital here following a heart attack while on a visit... In an amateur duel among heavyweights, visiting Johnny Tate, number 5 ranked in the U.S., out of knoxville, stopped Miami's Charlie Cornett in the main event at the Elizabeth Virrick Gym in Coconut Grove... In another important scrap, Milton Bankston copped a split decision win over Kenny Ryals in a middleweight encounter... A promising heavyweight based at the Army camp in Homestead is 6'4" Arnold Turner... Visiting from Chicago is former featherweight Bobby O'Dowd, now handling several fighters in the mid-west... Another former boxer turned tourist is Marty Cohen out of the Philadelphia boxing community who churned up a career as an actor following his retirement from the ring... Lou Esa, with five streight one-round k.o.'s looks like the hottest heavyweight prospect in the South... Undefeated Juan Hidalgo visited with his family in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic for the holidays... Preparing hard for a comeback to ring activity following a car accident is Tony Green, who is planning a more aggressive style for future opposition... Angelo Dundee, who will soon depart for the Muhammud Ali camp in order to prepare the champ for his title defense against Coopman, is busy in every direction taking care of the needs of his talented stable of leather-slingers... Lou Pisano, former New York featherweight who fought Mike Belloise, Petey Scalzo and Lou Salica, all World champs in their day, now resides in Miami on a permanent basis... Moe Fliescher, Miami's popular trainer who handled Elisha O'Bed in his world title quest against Miguel DeOliveira in Paris, is keeping the new champ in shape while awaiting his initial title defense, possibly in Philadelphia... Former World ranked heavyweight, Al Jones, of Goulds, Florida, is back in action and anxious to step in with the better big men... Rafael Rodriquez, promising welterweight out of Minneapolis and Hector Medina, torrid San Juan lightweight, are now being represented by Angelo Dundee... One-time heavyweight title challenger, Tom Heeney, still dreams of his early boxing days in New Zealand and another visit to his boyhood home to visit his relatives... Rodney Bobick maintains his fighting condition steadily never knowing where action will be found on the heavyweight front... Battling Vinnie Curto of Boston, operating out of Miami Beach, is among the top ten middleweights in the World Boxing Association ratings...


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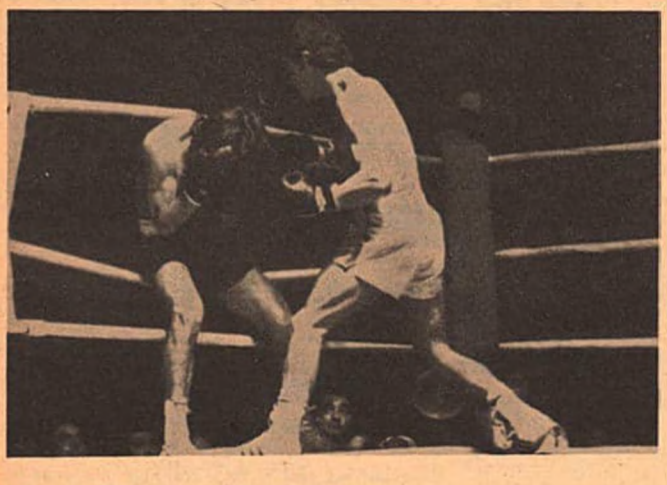

**Former Jr. lightweight champion Perico Fernandez, Spain, backs Miguel Araujo, Brazil, into the ropes and lets loose with a flurry of lefts and rights. Fernandez KO'd Araujo in one.**

BERLIN — Three European championship bouts in Europe during the first sixteen days of January gave the new year 1976 a good start. At Campione, on the Swiss-Italian border, flyweight champion Franco Udella, Italy, outscored Fritz Chervet, Switzerland, over fifteen rounds. When they met last May both were disqualified in round two.

About fifty miles from Mont Blanc over the Swiss border at Cluses in France, bantamweight champion, Daniel Trioulaire, France, held on to his crown drawing with Irishman, Paddy Maguire, over fifteen rounds. Trioulaire won his crown beating Bob Allotey in 1975 and made a defense against Dave Needham, Britain, which ended in a draw.

Eckhard Dagge lost his European Jr. middleweight crown to Vito Antuofermo on points over 15 rounds in Berlin.

Mate Parlov, Yugoslavia, has requested a license from the Italian federation as a domicile in Italy.

38-year-old Luis Folledo, Spain, who has not boxed for six years, failed his medical and must now forget all about his comeback plans.

New WBC President is Jose Suleiman, Mexico, and one of the vice presidents is Italian EBU boss, Piero Pini. Another member of the WBC committee is Frenchman Fernard Leclerc.

Britain's heavyweight champion, Richard Dunn, was to have fought Jean Pierre Coopman, Belgium, for Joe Bugner's vacated European crown, but the Belgian decided to face Muhammad Ali in a world title fight. Dunn and German Bernd August will probably now meet for the title.

### FRANCE

▲**Calais** — Light heavy. Yannick Dufour, France, outscored Britain, Sid Falconer, ten rounds.

▲**Paris** — Miguel Castellini beat James Marshall, USA, TKO4. Light heavy. Sylvain Wattbled beat Jean Pierre LeSeigneur who retired with a cut eye in the fourth. Junior welter. Alain Salmon outscored Christian Coletta, six.

▲**Paris** — Junior welter. Claude Lormeau beat Claude Vanderbreght, TKO3.

▲**Annecey** — Jean Saadi won the French junior welterweight title beating Bernard Creton, TKO6.

▲**Bethune** — Junior middleweight. Joel Bonnetaz beat Francis Vermandered, TKO3.

▲**Sens** — Junior welterweight. Jean Claude Lafarge outscored Pierre Petit, ten.

▲**Cleon** — Featherweight. Daniel Trioulaire outscored Ernesto Miranda, ten.

▲**Metz** — Junior middle. Pascal Zito beat Daniel Martin.

▲**Dunkirk** — Welterweight. Guy Vercoutter beat Fernando Tavarez, KO3. Junior welterweight. Kimpuani beat Tony Alfonso, KO1.

▲**Epernay** — Middleweight. Michel Chapier beat Jean Grandjean, TKO9. Welterweight. Daniel Brin outscored Claude Wrobel eight.

▲**Compiegne** — Light heavyweight. Robert Amory beat Hans Dieter Schwartz. TKO4.

▲**Bruay** — Junior light. Mario Oliveira outscored Ernesto Miranda, ten.

▲**Bargerac** — Light heavyweight. Alan Riviere outscored Jose Gomez, ten.

▲**Villaneuvre** — Flyweight. Nessim Zebellini outscored Antonio Franca, eight.

▲**Paris** — Miguel Cuello, Argentina, beat American Billy Freeman, in two rounds. The American was warned on three occasions for ducking dangerously. In the first he took a standing count of eight. Middleweight. Jules Bellaiche, France, outpointed Italian, Antonio Castellini, eight. Some of the 7000 present disagreed and threw beer cans in the ring. Middleweight. Joe Bonnetaz decisioned Frenchman Vincent Parra, eight.

▲**Paris** — Georges Warusfel, French welterweight champion, won his 28th fight without defeat outscoring American Jimmy Salvage, ten. Junior welterweight. Claude Lormeau outpointed Barry Sponagle, Canada, ten.

▲**Paris** — At the Cirque d'Hiver venue French based Algerian, Loucif Hamani beat Mexican Chuchu Garcia in four rounds the towel being thrown in. Hamania won his last ten fights inside the distance. Junior middleweight. Miguel Angel, Argentine, beat American James Marshall, the towel being thrown in during round four.

### ITALY

▲**Como** — Lightweight. Nedo Fabbri outpointed Domenico Condello, eight.

▲**Milan** — Junior middleweight. Rocky Mattioli beat Domenico DiJorio, TKO6.

▲**Ferrara** — Featherweight. Enzo Farinelli outpointed Giovanni Cavazzini, eight.

▲**Reggio Emilia** — Light heavyweight. Onelio Grando beat Mario Calzi who retired in the third with a cut eye.

▲**Cagliari** — Flyweight. Franco Udella beat Daniel Rodriguez Figueroa, TKO4. Bantamweight. Adolfo Osses outscored Emilio Pireddu eight. Featherweight. Natale Caredda outscored Antonio Pocai, six.

▲**Trieste** — Nervio Carbi won the Italian featherweight title outscoring champion, Emili Sergio, twelve.

▲**Vincenze** — Middleweight. Luciano Bomben and Elio Bettinzoli drew their eight rounder.

▲**Milan** — Middleweight. Angelo Jacopucci outscored Gianni Mingardi, eight. Roberto Benacquista decisioned Elio Calcabrini, ten. Lightweight. Vincenzo Burgio beat Renzo Battistelli, TKO6.

▲**Bologna** — Junior welterweight. Osca Aparico beat Nicola D'Orazio, TKO4. Heavyweight. Benito Penna decisioned Armando Zanini, ten.

▲**Caserta** — Franco Sperati won the Italian flyweight title outpointing champion, Franco Buglione, twelve. Franco Sperati won the Italian flyweight title five times in the past eight years. Narrowly outpointing Buglione, Sperati has now won nine, drawn one and lost four of the thirteen Italian and European title fights he has had.

▲**Milan** — Rocky Mattioli, Australia, beat Dom DiJorio, in six rounds. In a junior welterweight competition, Efisio Pinna was the winner beating Ernsto Bergamasco in two rounds. In two previous heats, Pinna decisioned Luciano Laffranchi and Bergamasco outscored Guiseppe Russi.

▲**Turin** — Former WBC junior welterweight champion David Love KO5 in a junior middleweight bout.

### SPAIN

▲**Leon** — Welterweight. Fernando Sanchez decisioned Manuel Alcala, eight. Bantamweight. Fernando Bernardez and Antonio Donoso drew their eight rounder.

▲**Madrid** — Featherweight. Isidoro Cabeza outpointed Francisco Santanengracia, eight. Jofre beat Antonio Rejon who was disqualified in the fourth.

▲**Bilbao** — Junior welterweight. Miguel Robles beat Manuel Rico. TKO2.

▲**Madrid** — Jeronimo Lucas outscored Mama Clay, eight.

▲**Zaragoza** — Junior welterweight. Antonio Navarro beat Pedro Sanchez who was disqualified in round three.

▲**Oviedo** — Junior welterweight. Mariano Perez beat Fernando Bermejo, KO7. Featherweight. Gitano Jiminez decisioned Joe Bisbal, eight.

▲**Madrid** — 33-year-old, Bepi Ross, Italy, clearly outscored ex-European heavyweight champion, Jose Urtain, Spain, over eight rounds. Urtain turned in a stinker and could hardly be credited with a round. Antonio Guinaldo won the Spanish featherweight crown beating champion, Rodolfo Sanchez on points twelve rounds. Guinaldo was decked in the seventh and was saved by the bell which seemed to bring the session to a close inside the stipulated three minutes. Lightweight. Jeronimo Lucas decisioned Mama Clay, Nigeria, eight.

▲**Zaragoza** — Former junior lightweight champion Perico Fernandez, Spain, kayoed Miguel Araujo, Brazil, in the first round of their non-title bout.

### GERMANY

▲**Berlin** — Berliners had the opportunity of seeing the American who was one of the five opponents George Foreman met and beat one evening at Toronto last year. It was Jerry Judge who four years ago KO'ed Chuck Wepner, but the locals were not impressed for the American was returning to his dressing room after three rounds with the Berlin based Nigerian, Ngozika Ekwelum. A right to the head decked Judge and although he made his feet the third man counted him out.

Middleweight. Antal Torantali, Yugoslavia, making his professional debut was decisioned by German, Jean Andre Emmerich, four rounds.

Junior welterweight. Eighteen-year-old, Jorg Eipel, Germany, beat the 36-year-old, Boualem Belouard, Tunis, TKO5.

Middleweight. 19-year-old, German, Frank Wissenbach, beat Branko Barakovic, Yugoslavia, TKO5.

Junior middleweight. Gray Ibekwe, a Nigerian based in Berlin, beat Austrian Joseph Pachler, the latter being taken out of the fight in round five with a cut eyebrow.

Light heavyweight. Uwe Meineke, Germany, outpointed Gregory Downes, Barbodos, six.

Promoter team, Fritz Drehe/Klaus Speer were responsible for the program which attracted a full house of a thousand.

Welter. Frank Albertus, Curascao, living in Berlin, kayoed Mi Whan Ki, a Cologne based Korean, in round one with a right to the jaw.

▲**Berlin** — A crowd of some 7000 left the venue rather disappointed after seeing their European junior middleweight champion, Eckhard Dagge, lose his title to Vito Antuofermo, Italy over fifteen rounds. European junior welterweight champion, Turk, Cemal Kamaci, did not impress with his draw with German, Jurgen Voss, over ten rounds. Kamaci's title was not at stake. His wild right hand decked Voss for seven in round

one. Middleweight. German, Frank Wissenbach, outscored Peter Scheibner, Germany, eight rounds. When they last met in May last year Scheibner won by KO. Light heavyweight. Avenamar Peralta, Argentine, drew with American, Tom Bethea, over ten rounds. Bethea kayoed Peralta when they met in Hamburg last year. Middleweight. Wolfgang Gans, Germany, beat Gray Ibekwe, a Nigerian based in Berlin, in the opening round.

## HOLLAND

▲**Haage** — A crowd of 1300 saw Rudi Coopman, Holland, outscore German, Peter Scheibner. Coopman injured his right hand in round one. Junior middleweight. Adri Huussen, Holland, outpointed Klaus Fuchs, Germany.

## BELGIUM

▲**Verviers** — Middleweight. Michel Stini beat Jean Claude Genno, TKO6.

▲**Kalken** — Bantamweight. Jean Pierre Meganch making his professional debut, outscored Angelo D'Aleo, six.

▲**Grivegnee** — Welterweight. Vittorio Conte beat Jean Simos, KO1.

▲**Zele** — Britain, Tommy Dunn, lightweight, lost on points to Rudi Haek, Belgium, ten. Dunn received a public warning in the seventh and tenth for holding. Three officials scored in favor of Haeck, 100-94, 98-96 and 97-60. Junior welterweight. Jean van Torre outscored Andre Jordan, TKO1.

▲**Brussels** — Junior welterweight. Filipo Rocchi and Siki Sow, drew their six rounder. Junior middle. Giovanni DeVita outscored Jean Pierre Heirman, six.

▲**Eupin** — Joe Oke, Ghana, outscored light heavyweight, Armand Xhonneux, Belgium, ten.

## NORWAY

▲**Oslo** — A crowd of 5000 saw their local matador, European champion, Svein Erik Paulsen (29) fail to dethrone WBC junior lightweight champion, Alfredo Escalera (2) the third man calling a halt in round nine. Referee, Britain, Harry Gibbs, had Escalera five points in front and the Puerto Rican judge three. The Norwegian official saw his fellow countryman ahead by five points. Heavy. Bjorn Rudi, Norway, revenged his defeat outscoring Derek Simpkin, eight. The Britain decked Rudi with a right in the fourth but he found himself on the canvas for eight in round five. Lightweight. A southpaw from Britain, Tommy Wright, drew a six rounder with Jan Arne Pedersen, Norway.

## YUGOSLAVIA

**Skopje** — Mate Parlov, Yugoslavia, outscored Billy Freeman, USA, ten.

## SWITZERLAND

**Basle** — Featherweight. Salvatore Avella beat Ritter Schaefer, KO4. Dante Guarnieri drew his eight rounder with Rudi Vogel.

**Lausanne** — Flyweight. Fritz Chervet beat Jose Luis Rico, USA, KO4.

# CARTER EVEN WITH ZURHEIDE IN 10

*By GEORGE D. BLAIR*

**Waukesha, Wisc. — Fond Du Lac light heavyweight Karl Zurheide engaged Cleveland heavyweight Harold Carter at the Exposition Center and emerged with only a ten round draw in a roughly, and poorly fought match.**

It seemed that Carter was not really in the mood to fight as he tied Zurheide up nullifying sustained action, even though Carter had weight, height, and reach advantages over Karl. Zurheide was unable to solve Carter's tactics and the fight saw too much fighting with elbows, arms, etc. There were no knockdowns and the only real damage done was a swollen left eye suffered by Carter.

The draw decision left Zurheide's record at 38-23-4. During $975 Zurheide had five fights and was able to win only one.

In the semi final eight popular Milwaukee lightweight Tom Tarantino knocked out Larry Moore of Dunbar, W. Va. Tarantino put Moore on the canvas for the full count in the fourth round.

Tarantino had encountered problems with Larry in the early rounds but his big punch proved to be the deciding factor in the match. Tarantino is now 9-9-2, and Moore's record is 9-9-0.

Johnny Townsend, Milwaukee, (4-4-0) knocked out Ray "Lucky" Patterson, of Chicago, (0-2-0) in the second round of a light heavyweight bout.

Welterweight Billy Goodwin, of Milwaukee, outpointed Jerry Wells in four, and lightweight Tito Santiago, of Milwaukee also, posted a four round win on the show.

▲Dick Gunn and Joe Daszkiewicz, Minneapolis, have been granted a license to promote in that city. The Twin City metropolitan area now has a total of seven major promoters. There were seventeen pro shows in the state during 1975.

Fistic action in Minnesota this past month was confined to the amateurs around the state as they prepare for the upcoming tournaments. . .Minneapolis jr. middleweight Rafael Rodriguez can return to fistic action so ruled the courts, pending the settlement of his managerial troubles. . .Heavyweight Scott LeDoux was removed from a Las Vegas meeting with Ken Norton in favor of Pedro Lovell. LeDoux also lost out on a New York match with Duane Bobick. . .Fred Askew, Minneapolis heavyweight has moved his base of operations to Phoenix, Ariz. Askew claimed that he could not obtain local fights. . .Ron Stander, Minneapolis based heavyweight kayoed one Willie Jackson in one round at Oklahoma City.

# EUROPEAN RATINGS
## (As of March 15, 1976)

**Heavyweights**
Title vacant
1. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)
2. Bernd August (G)
3. Dante Cane (I)
4. Benito Penna (I)
5. Lorenzo Zanon (I)
6. Bjorn Rudi (N)
7. Bepi Ros (I)
8. Alfo Righetti (I)
9. Mario Baruzzi (I)
10. Jan Lubbers (H)

**Light heavies**
* Domenico Adinolfi (I)
1. Aldo Traversaro (I)
2. Harold Skog (N)
3. Fredi DeKerpel (B)
4. Leo Kakolewicz (G)
5. Rudi Lubbers (H)
6. Christian Poncelet (F)
7. Francisco Fiol (I)
8. Yannick Dufour (F)
9. Mate Parlov (Y)
10. Conny Velensek (G)

**Middleweights**
Title vacant
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Max Cohen (F)
3. Jean Mateo (F)
4. Frank Reiche (G)
5. Angelo Jacopucci (I)
6. Roberto Benacquista (I)
7. Jose Hernandez (S)
8. Trento Fachiocchi (F)
9. Poul Knudsen (D)
10. Germando Valsecchi (I)

**Junior Middles**
* Vito Antuofermo (I)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Jose Duran (S)
3. Franz Csandl (A)
4. Damiano Lassandro (I)
5. Antonio Cassellini (I)
6. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)
7. Moises Fajardo (S)
8. Mimoun Mahatar (S)
9. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
10. Aldo Bentini (I)

**Welterweights**
Title vacant
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Germain Lamaitre (F)
3. Gluseppe Russi (I)
4. Mario Scano (I)
5. Domenico Dijorio (I)
6. Rocky Mattoli (I)
7. Jorgen Hansen (D)
8. Jesus Gonzalez Dopico (S)
9. Giovanni Molesini (I)
10. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)

**Junior Welters**
* Cemal Kamaci (T)
1. Perico Fernandez (S)
2. Jose Gomez Fouz (S)
3. Romano Fanali (I)
4. Toni Ortiz (S)
5. Bruno Freshi (F)
6. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)
7. Miguel Velasquez (S)
8. Jesus de La Rose (S)
9. Kristian Hoydahl (N)
10. Efisio Pinna (I)

**Lightweights**
Title vacant
1. Giancarlo Usai (I)
2. Jean Baptiste Piedvache (F)
3. Andre Holyk (F)
4. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
5. Fernand Roelands (B)
6. Vincent Quero (I)
7. Rosario Sanne (I)
8. Giancarlo Barabotti (I)
9. Biagio Pierri (I)
10. Enzo Pizzoni (I)

**Junior lights**
* Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
1. Antonio Puddu (I)
2. Notale Vezzoli (I)
3. Giuseppe Mura (I)
4. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
5. Franco Diana (I)
6. Ugo Polo (I)
7. Rudi Haek (B)
8. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
9. Luis Aisa (S)
10. Isiforo Cabeza (S)

**Featherweights**
* Elio Cotena (I)
1. Albert Amatler (F)
2. Michel Lefevbre
3. Manuel Masso (S)
4. Nevio Carbi (I)
5. Sergio Emilio (I)
6. Pasqualino Morbidella (I)
7. Michel Siracuse (I)
8. Nino Jiminez (S)
9. Jose Bisbal (S)
10. Guy Caudron (F)

**Bantamweights**
* Daniel Trioulaire (F)
1. Franco Zurlo (I)
2. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
3. Luigi Tessarin (I)
4. Ambrono Mariani (I)
5. Bob Allotey (S)
6. Lucio Vailati (I)
7. Gianni Carbo (I)
8. Teodoro Coralli (I)
9. Ferdinando Ripamonti (I)
10. Jacky Bihin (F)

**Flyweights**
* Franco Udella (I)
1. Franco Sperati (I)
2. Fritz Chervet (Switz)
3. Franco Buglione (I)
4. Emilio Pireddu (I)
5. Daniel Charvet (F)
6. Dominique Cesari (F)
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10. Salvatore Laconi (I)

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## RIOT FOLLOWS KO OF SHIMABUKURO BY ESTABA

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Estaba moved fast and counterpunched his opponent sharply. In the eighth and ninth Shima had a narrow escape, however, he never stopped fighting back with ineffective punches. The veteran Venezuelan, quite deft of hand, scored an explosive right that dropped the willing mixer in the tenth round. Immediately Shima stood up and raised his gloves high to show himself fit to go on. But he was rubber-legged enough to be stopped with a towel tossed in. Kojima, manager of the Japanese hope, never thought of a great points deficit, nor of his boy's wobbling mobility, but entered the ring to protest the ref's wise decision. His angry action was the beginning of the violent riot. Escorted by his corner men, Estaba returned to the dressing room safely.

Without complaining of the extravaganza on the night, the winner said, "Shimabukuro was a game guy. He never backpedalled against my punches. His future will be bright."

The junior flyweight class was newly established with the limit up to 108 pounds after a strong support of Dr. Ramon Belasques, then the president of the WBC, in November, 1974. The Mexican said in the Council, "There are lots of flyweights whose normal weight does not reach the limit of 112 pounds. They are still fighting bigger flyweights who make the weight after the severe reductions. This is the reason to set up the new lightest class to give the equality in battling conditions to smallest hombres."

The reporter, however, doubts how many excellent lighter men under 112 pounds are fighting in the world. If there should be, such junior flyweights may be seen locally in Latin America, Orient and Europe, now that the standard physique of the younger generation grows bigger as the statistical data show. When the discussion is pointed to an example, the lopsided game in Okinawa, Shimabukuro's qualification as to be rated second in the WBC rating should be doubted at first. He had fought in only 13 outings since turning pro, and won only eight contests and lost four. Shimabukuro was neither Japan's flyweight champion nor was he rated internationally with a valuable win from a topnotcher in the 112 pound class. When the new junior class was officially announced to the world, Shimabukuro suddenly and luckily entered the "top ten."

As the Japanese said with the bruised face after the battle, "Ten years may be required for me to fight in the title match." The current rating in the 108 pound division has not been dependent on legitimate careers and real power of smaller flyweights.

As for the winner, Estaba, the victory in Okinawa means his first defense since he won the title in the additional class by stopping Rafael Lovera, Paraguay, in the fourth round of an eliminator in Sept. 1975. The crafty Venezuelan won 27 games, 19 by knockouts, against 7 defeats and two draws. That is, he fought only 36 times in his career during nine years.

Without the new class being established, Estaba might be an inferior flyweight in comparison to the current champ, Miguel Canto, rival Betulio Gonzales, and WBA leader Erbito Salavarria.

In fact, Luis Estaba was defeated by men, not best sorts of flyweight, Ricardo Delgado in 12 rounds, 1970 and Orlando Amores in 10 frames, 1971. The first champ in the junior flyweight class was Italy's Franco Udella, who collapsed after a low blow by Valentine Martinez, Mexico, in the twelfth round in Milan on Apr. 14, 1975.

The Italian fell ill all of a sudden, and relinquished the title thru the EBU to the WBC. The organization thought a vacant state of the newly begun class "undesirable," so immediately thereafter it ordered two hombres in Central America to compete to decide which should be a champ in such emergency in September last.

Though intelligent experts in Japan stood against the establishment of the new class because of a lack in logical validity, some promoters welcomed the WBC rating in the new class which includes a Japanese fighter. He was Shimabukuro, who failed to gain the national flyweight title by a points loss to Jiro Takada in April 1974 and suffered four consecutive defeats in his five showings in the year.

Another ridiculous fact is that Kazunori Tenryu; Japan's junior flyweight ruler standing at 4 ft. 7 in., is a stablemate of Shimabukuro, is rated by the WBA, not by the WBC, and is decided to face Jaime Rios, Panama, for the other version three weeks later than the card in Okinawa.

The winner, Estaba, is waiting for a recovery of Franco Udella whom the WBC admits to be the first to challenge the substitute champ.


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## BOXING IN COLUMBIA

*By LUIS A. GONZALEZ*

**Cartagena.** — C9esar de Lima, local lightweight, TKO'd Jaime Ruiz in 3. Victor Pacheco, Jr. Lightweight, won decision over Fernando Ochoa, in six. Jaime Ricardo, TKO'd Jorge Valdez, in three. Enrique Pinto, bantamweight and Carlos Arturo Osorio drew in ten.

Columbian Jr. Flyweight champion, H9entor Pinto, retained his belt when he beat Calisto P9erez, in 12 rounds.

**Monteria.** — Misael Cuadros, 139, Monteria, kayoed 2 Gabriel Sarabia, 134½, Barranquilla. Bernardino Rubio, 119, Monteria, kept right on winning by scoring an impressive TKO win over Luis O5noro, 119, Baranoa, in the 3rd round of a scheduled eight roung fight. Luis Rivera, 134½, Monteria, TKO's Libardo Reyes, 132 1/3, Barranquilla, in two. Clemente Rojas, 131 1/5, Cartagena, who lives in Barranquilla, decisioned veteran Enrique Higgins, 135 3/5, Monteria, in 10.

**Cartagena.** — Hugo Barraza, local lightweight, gained an unanimous decision over Miguel "Trco" B9etruz, in ten. Johnny Gonz9alez lost his first match with Adalberto Vanegas, in welter class, in a decision of 10 rounds. Guiller G9omez, TKO'd Wilfrido Castro, in nine. Leot9an Camargo, lightweight, lost to Rigoberto Pertuz, decision in ten. C9esar de Lima, lightweight, decisioned Adalberto G9omez in ten.

## THE NIGHT OF THE BIG EXPLOSION

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powerful, new puncher by the name of Rocky Marciano was busy ploughing through the likes of Eldridge Eatman, Gino Buonvino and Johnny Shkor, just heavies. Rocky didn't look like much of a fighter then.

Three years later, when he was matched with Walcott for the title, Rocky still was not held in high esteem by boxing purists. Jersey Joe particularly put him down. "Listen," he said to John Webster of the Philly Bulletin, "if he can beat me you can take me out of the record book!"

Well, the record book says that Rocky Marciano, on Sept. 23, 1952, at Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia, knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in the 13th round of a scheduled 15-round bout.

And Walcott's name is still in the record book.

With golden lustre, it might be added.

No loser ever tried harder, or did better, until the fateful moment. It was a thrilling bout. Rocky hit the deck in the very first round. He virtually bounced right up despite the fact that it was a left hook of solid force. Walcott went right back to the attack. And, to make matters worse for Rocky, after the sixth round he complained that "I can't see, my eyes smart something awful."

Al Weill, Marciano's ever-suspicious manager, screamed at the referee, Zack Clayton, "dammit, watch his (Walcott's) gloves, he must have some stuff on them." It later was explained. The "stuff" had been medication applied to a scalp wound (caused by Marciano's bumping his head) which dripped down into his own eyes.

During Marciano's distress, which lasted until the ninth round, Walcott built up a sizeable lead. But, even after the challenger's sight had been cleared, the old man was giving him a vicious body-smashing. In the 11th and 12th it still seemed very much Walcott's fight.

In the 13th an apparently overconfident Jersey Joe backed into the ropes, lowering his guard. Marciano charged, starting a long overhand right. Suddenly he shortened it. For impact, this had to be the greatest punch of Rocky's career. It caught Walcott on the side of the chin. He pitched forward, landing on his forehead. He lay there like a lump after he was counted out.

That was Rocky's fitting-together night. Subsequently he ripped to pieces Roland LaStarza, who had given him a tough, one-point decision loss. He pulled out of nowhere two victories over troublesome Charles who gave him what for — in short, he had everything until his precipitate retirement. This has happened to moderns, too.

Carlos Monzon, the awesomely powerful middleweight champion from Argentina came to a clean-cut plateau. It can be measured somewhere around 1970 (he had been fighting since 1963). He suddenly broke into international class. He fought the classy Nino Benvenuti of Italy for the world's title at Rome. His punches seemed to take on extra power; he scored the first knockout ever of Nino in the 12th round, after being held even over the long haul. He fought him again the next year, in Monte Carlo, and amazed onlookers by pouring on the body-punching early for a third-round KO of Benvenuti.

Since then Monzon has reigned supreme. At 33, he seems to have peaked. But it seems a top that he can hold without limitation.

Then there is the colorful guy who also found himself belatedly, Jose Angel Napoles, lately of Mexico, the ex-welterweight champion. Napoles moved inconspicuously along through a career in his native Cuba, then Castro's legions came to power and he came out. He switched to his new homeland and achieved consistent success for a long time.

But inwardly he needed something for his *machismo*, he had to have something which would bring him the flaming glory of a world known and recognized Latino. In 1969 he found it. He won the welterweight championship against Curtis Cokes in Los Angeles by a knockout in 13 rounds. Ever since he has been "as smooth as butter," which explains his old nickname, "Mantequilla."

Last, but not least, is the reigning lethal power of the lightweight champion of the world, Roberto Duran of Panama. He largely was unrecognized in the U.S. in his early years, although those who knew him were aware of the tremendous power in his left hook.

One night, when Ismael Laguna, his countryman, was boxing at the Garden in New York, Duran was slipped quietly on the card. Laguna, former world's champion who had lost the crown to Ken Buchanan in 1970, went down to defeat again against Buchanan. But Duran broke loose to knock out Benny Huertas in the first round.

The Garden appropriately matched Buchanan with Duran for the world's title the following year. This time he ignited the world with a 13th round knockout. He has remained in the firmament, rough, forceful and, most important, a left hooker who can turn a fight his way in a flash.

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## JOLIET'S CONVICT "JUMBO"

*(Continued from page 27)*

ence, and then I'm gonna be the world champion; Muhammad Ali or George Foreman. . .it don't matter who it is. Whoever it is, I'll be lookin for him."

It will be three years before Floyd becomes eligible for parole, and considering the nature of his offense a reprieve at that time is unlikely.

He is aware and seems undaunted.

"For a cat who grew up in a place like this, it's just a way of life," he reminisces. "I got busted for the first time in 1957 when I was eight. Was living down in Mississippi with my grandma. She couldn't control me so they sent me to the training school. It's just like a prison, only it's for kids. No big difference.

"Finally, they let me out and I came to Chicago. Never had much of a life in Chicago, though. Got in with the gangs and right off I was in trouble. They picked me up in early January 1967, and I've been in ever since."

That year Floyd Cummings and three others were found guilty of the murder of a South Side grocer in a holdup. The grocer was shot twice in the head. At 17, Floyd (who once worked in the grocery) was the youngest. The oldest was 36. The other two were 22.

"Time in the penitentiary is what a dude makes it," continues Jumbo. "Strict discipline is the one thing and the only thing that will get me out and keep me out.

"All the while since I been boxing I been tryin to prepare myself mentally. I wrote and told my folks I got no time to write them any more. They shouldn't worry, I'll be okay. But they shouldn't write me either because that might spoil my concentration.

"Same way with women. I ain't never known a woman and now I realize it's better that way. I don't know what I'm missin'. So I don't have that distracting me.

"Already had to sacrifice a lot for boxing. I had to give up basketball, and I can't be on the weight-lifting team or go out for wrestling because of boxing. It don't matter, though. Boxing means that much to me."

"Right now Jumbo could make both the weight-lifting and basketball teams even though he's concentrating on boxing and we're afraid to jeopardize his future there," says Physical Educator Leroy Adams, a former Little All-America football player at Langston (Okla.).

"In basketball he led the intra-murals in scoring and he started when we played against outside junior colleges and jayvees. He was my best defensive player and I'd always put him on the other team's high scorer.

"If he was out for wrestling he'd be the best man on the team. He's just an incredible athlete. He high jumps 6-3 and he long jumps better than 18 feet.

"Can you imagine the kind of linebacker he'd be with that build and coordination?

"All these kids have a big edge over anybody they face because they're willing to train so hard. In the outside world training is a chore and they hate it. Here they love it. But I've never seen anybody who loves it like Jumbo."

"If I don't train right I can't sleep because I know I'm cheating myself," Jumbo muses. "Actually though, I never need more than a couple hours sleep. No sooner do I take a hot shower than I'm ready to work out again.

"Cell time is what gets to me. That's why it's so fantastic that I got Vic next door to rap with all them hours when I'm penned in.

"Some dudes watch TV. Not me. All I do is read about boxing and a little poetry. This is one way I can get in extra discipline.

"The other dudes on the team, they know I got a shot at something big. Something real big. That's another reason I have to train the way I do. When I go easy on myself those studs be goin around with their heads down because they'll be disappointed.

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The men's club of the Bellrose Jewish Center on Long Island held a successful youth boxing show under the guidance of Bellrose members Bernie Pollack and Al Fishman. Paired in 3 round exhibitions were: Louis Gallello vs Eddie Carafa Jr., Dennis Molly vs Butch Fiuma, Larry Nagel vs Bob Petrillo, Frankie Corvnio—1975 Golden Gloves 118 pound champion sparred with Mike Rella, Mike Creegan of Shrub Oak won a decision over Steve Talt of Pelham, N.Y. Bob Cremins, Jack Malanaphy and your reporter, along with Bob Brandt supplied a trained the young pugilists. Former fisticuffers in attendance were Artie Levine, Phil Terranova, Al Reid, Phil Rutha, Solly Seeman, Petey Burns, Corp. Izzy Schwartz and Jerry Grieff.

Former ringsters Charlie and Walter Wallace. . . . .recently lost their brother Steve, age 45.

The Paterson J.J. boys' club. . . .recently honored U.S. Congressman Robert A. Roe as "Man of the Year" with a testimonial dinner at the Westmount Country Club in that area. Former boxer, and Ivba Ring #102 prexy champ Snell was one of its co-ordinators.

"God Is In My Corner" a book about the life and times of former lightweight contender Frankie Ryff, still has not been released. Working to expediate this project are Jack Smith of the N.Y. Daily News and Zander Hollander, prexy of Associated Features Inc.

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Gerd Retanneur of Germany, John Davis of England and Barrie Rawson of Australia, simply have to be the most ardent boxing fans in the whole universe. These three more than any others I know, write in quest of boxers addresses and information on various boxers past and present.

Kenny "Broadway" Sheahan. . .Sgt. at Arms of IVBA Ring 30 of Westchester County, is in Woodland Nursing Home, recuperating from his recent illness. Drop him a line at Pelham Rd. New Rochelle, N.Y. in care of that establishment.

The annual banquet of Ring #56 of Syracuse, which recently changed its Ring number to #76, is scheduled for Sept. 18th. At the Lemoyne Manor in that area.

Saturday June 19, 1976, is the date for the 11th annual dinner dance of Ring #30 of Westchester County. The site is the famous Glen Island Casino in New Rochelle, N.Y. Being inducted into the Westchester County Boxing Hall of Fame will be former light heavy champion Paul Berlenbach, who once lived in Pelham, N.Y.

Ring #21 of Brooklyn. . .recnetly held 15th annual dinner-dance at Micali's Terrace in that area. Honored were Carmine Fatta, Phil Fittipaldi, Peter Gulotta, Pat Marcune, Tommy Marengo and Teddy Martin. Dais guests included Adrain Bailey, Al Sparks, Sal Bartola, Andy Daddio, Al Couture, Lou Salica, Charlie Gellman, Al Reid, Sammy Markowtiz, Corp. Izzy Schwartz, Solly Seeman, Charlie Spina, Phil Terranova, Sam Taub, Sammy Venti and Ring #21 prexy Paul Berlenbach.

Sammy Angott. . .former lightweight champion who once halted the long winning streak of Willie Pep, is suffering from crippling arthritis.

Ring #26. . .of Schenectady, N.Y. has entered the first bid for the 1976 international veteran boxers convention.

Tony Messina. . .former fisticuffer, and secretary of Ring #26 is back home recuperating after a long hospital siege.

Eddie Vail. . .former good middleweight out of New Rochelle, N.Y., is employed by the U.S. Post Office in that area.

Former great middleweight king Mickey Walker is spending these days as a patient in the Asbury Nursing Home, in Asbury Park, N.J. His stay there is being bankrolled by various Ring group contributions, raffles and mainly thru the efforts of former pugilist Charlie Gellman. Who is also the director of Jewish Memorial Hospital in New York City.

Jack Palance. . . .the movie actor, was once a pro boxer, losing a 4 rd. decision to former heavyweight contender Joe Baksi at the White Plains County Center. Palance boxed under the name of Jack Brazzo.

The Invaders. . .making reference to the appointment of former tennis player Althea Gibson as boxing commissioner of New Jersey—she is an invader, so is the late Jackie Robinson, a former big league baseballer, and former N.Y. state chairman Edwin B. Dooley, who was a former football player, and a friend of your reporter, but none the less is an invader. All sports with the exception of boxing invading our ranks in top money paying jobs. But we—the former boxers—are never given a top job in baseball, football or any other major sport. Why??? Let's please keep politics out of boxing, and former boxers in boxing.


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## RINGSIDE WITH "SAILOR" DON SAUER

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lightweight scrap in San Francisco did $45,633 at the gate, and each battler received $10,700 for his effort. Promoter JOE GAGLIARDI had an approximate 10 grand promotional profit for his Garden City Boxing Club — not bad at that — now EVERETT is wanted back on the west coast, probably for a confrontation with hard punching, ART HAFEY, which would sell-out any spot they put it in. . . .SAD SAM SILVERMAN wasn't so sad looking the other night, when he packed Hynes Auditorium for his big annual Christmas boxing show, and the card was loaded with action fights — all pier sixer dock wallopers brawls. Former California heavyweight champ HENRY CLARK continues to work daily at American Can to provide food and the necessities for his wife and family. He never seemed to get his much deserved shot at a big money fight — HENRY'S biggest purse was the $15,000 he got in South Africa the latter part of 1975 — maybe this year HENRY — keep punching!! It's bound to have an effect on the box office when two Mexican idols, such as JOSE NAPOLES and RUBEN OLIVARES, got knocked off in 1975, not to mention BOBBY CHACON'S upset loss to BAZOOKA LIMON in California. . . .Unbeaten TYRONE EVERETT certainly is a confident young man (22 yrs old) — EVERETT told me recently, "I'm the baddest fighter in Philly — over BRISCOE, HART, MONROE, HAYWARD — because I never cut, never get hurt, have the highest rating, the most moves and the power in both hands — all you used to see in Philly was a left hook, and I fill the Spectrum every time I fight there". . . .can't argue with you one bit, TYRONE, have a great year in '76. . . .PADDY FLOOD, fight manager of repute, almost "beaned" his fighter when the lad didn't listen in the corner!!!! PADDY and veteran AL BRAVERMAN are the two most traveled managers in the business today. They are available with talented performers upon a day's notice, and their gladiators never put on a bad fight. . . .Los Angeles' JIMMY McLARNIN, 68-year old ex-welterweight champion, is now booking ballet shows on the west coast, and doing a good job of it at that. . . .Magician JIMMY GRIPPO, former manager of light-heavyweight champ, MELIO BETTINA of Beacon, N.Y., is still at Caesar's Palace. . . .RODOLFO GONZALEZ, former lightweight champion of the world, announced his retirement while fielding a phone call inquiring about his health after an 11 month absence from ring action. . . .the Mexican native, who lives in Long Beach, Calif., only will admit to turning 30, but his friends add three or four more years to the total. . . .

## INDIANS BECOME ORGANIZED BOXING FANS

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ence, Kansas; and the host, Stewart Indian School, Stewart, Nevada. Many club teams were also represented. The most experienced teams were from Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota, where Indian boxers have been traditionally an integral part of the AAU boxing programs.

There were also the independents who rode busses and planes by themselves to be a part of this large gathering. Among these were Jay Echohawk, Pawnee, from Tulsa, Oklahoma; Arlo Skidmore, Apache, from Whiteriver, Arizona; and Carl Ellingson, Shoshone, from Sacramento, California.

Ellingson, who had never boxed before in his life, is the nephew of the great Indian professional heavyweight contender of the 1930's, Ernie Collins.

Collins was honored at the event as the Honorary Tournament Director. The old RING Prospect of the Month (Sept. 1937) couldn't have been prouder as his nephew, who was up against much more experienced opposition, won a first round quarterfinal knockout and, just to show it wasn't a fluke, repeated this same performance in the semi-finals. Carl finally fell prey to Kevin Perrault, a hard-punching Chippewa from L'Anse, Michigan. Perrault went on to take the middleweight crown.

The grand-daddy of AAU boxing, Hall of Famer Al Sandell, was at the tournament helping with the pairings and the paper work involved in a large tournament. As Executive Secretary of the Pacific AAU, of which Nortnern Nevada is a part, the 85 year old Sandell was as happy as a new father at the tournament's conclusion. It was Al who had helped pave the way for a smooth allegiance between the AAU and the NIAA in boxing, and he was enjoying the fruits of his labor.

Rollie Schwartz, National AAU Boxing Chairman, was a tremendous help pulling all the officials and coaches together and ironing out minor difficulties that arise in such a complex endeavor.

Schwartz gave clinics and helped with bout scheduling. He exclaimed afterwards that the National Indian Boxing Tournament was the program that he wanted to get off the ground most during his time in office.

A portion of the tournament was aired on the new nationally syndicated sports program "THE CHAMPIONS." It was Rollie Schwartz who handled the announcing chores for this taping. Bill Toomey, the great 1968 Olympic decathalon champion, did the color work for the show.

Ron Johnson, NIAA Executive Secretary, had the job of seeing that the tournament ran smoothly. It was also his job to see that the champions would get to the National AAU Tournament in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Johnson, the NIAA founder, is a very affable, yet shrewd individual. A Makah Indian, originally from the tiny fishing village of Neah Bay, Washington, he is a former high school football and basketball coach. He has built the NIAA on an idea that through success in sports there will be a better chance for success later in life. The idea of forming an organization based on this principle is not new, but it took a man of Johnson's leadership and administrative ability to make it a reality.

Within three year's time, the organization has grown from being headquartered in Johnson's home in Edmonds, Washington, near Seattle, to having a full office staff and occupying the entire sixth floor of the Second and Cherry Building in Seattle. His staff includes his wife, Julie, a Lummi Indian, and Public Relations Director Big John Fletcher, a Blackfeet Indian. They have helped Ron bring spirit and a sense of solidarity to the entire staff.

Although boxing is its backbone, the NIAA added women's basketball and softball in 1975. Cross-country is hoped for in 1976, along with lacrosse. In 1977 a National Indian Summer Games is planned, to include modern as well as traditional Indian games. The immediate goal is a mini-AAU for persons of at least one-fourth Indian blood. The ultimate goal is to help as many persons of Indian descent as possible to achieve the success and recognition it takes to feel confident that he or she can compete for the good jobs and opportunities available to him.

Although the NIAA is primarily devoted to Indian youth (under 35), Ron hastens to explain that the group is not advocating a departure from tradition. Tradition is an integral part of Indian life, and a secondary function of the organization is to preserve Indian Athletic heritage. The NIAA is active in attempting to get Jim Thorpe's Olympic medals back and also in honoring former Indian athletic heroes.

The boxing tournament at the Stewart Indian School was a major step toward providing some of the success and recognition the NIAA sought for Indian athletics.

## PETRONELLI KEEPS N.E. TITLE

*By DON HAMILL*

**Boston, Mass.—Boxing in New England ended 1975 with a gala show staged by the venerable Sam Silverman.** He annually stages a Christmas Show. The card was slated for 70 rounds of boxing and began at 7 p.m. The knockout in the final bout occurred at midnight making it a long but enjoyable night of boxing.

▲PORTLAND, ME.—It took the stripping of Larry Butler's New England welterweight title to spur him into action. In his second comeback bout, Butler, 147, Portland, was impressive stopping Walter Riley, 147, New York, in the ninth round of their scheduled ten round bout. Riley was decked in the first round with a solid right to the jaw. He proved a stubborn foe and managed to stay on his feet and fight back until the eighth round when a fusilade of punches spilled him again. Riley was unable to withstand the fierce attack unloaded on him in the ninth round and Referee Pete Bennett wisely called a halt.

Tony Lopes, 143, Brockton, was upset by Johnny Stephens, Jr., 148, Neward, in the ten round co-feature. Stephens was sharp with a left hook in the early rounds and built up a handsome lead. Lopes finished strong enough to get the vote of one official in dropping a split duke. Dornell Wigfall, 180, Brockton, needed about a minute to dispose of John McGrath, 210, Lowell, in the first round of their six spot. Bobby Asack, 174, Brockton, spoiled the pro debut of Martin O'Connell, 174, Boston, in a four rounder. O'Connell is reported to be a concert pianist. A pair of amateur bouts opened the show.

▲BOSTON—Hynes Auditorium—Tony Petronelli, 140, East Bridgewater, successfully defended New England junior Welterweight title by scoring a tenth round TKO over Luis Davila, 135¼, Hartford, the New England lightweight king. Davila had proven to be a real threat to Tony's crown. During the middle rounds he repeatedly beat the champ to the punch and cut his left eye in the sixth round. With shocking suddenness a long fast right put Davila the canvas obviously out. He was saved by the bell and dragged to his corner by his handlers. Davila fell flat on his face as he came out for the tenth round and Referee Dick Flaherty called a halt. Davila's handlers insisted he had slipped on ice used to revive him. A conference with the boxing commission gave the Puerto Rican native a longer opportunity to recover. Davila came out for the tenth round but Tony was not to be denied and soon had Davila heading for the canvas again. Referee Flaherty stepped in and stopped the bout.

Marvelous Marvin Hagler, 160, Brockton, continued his unbeaten ways by shipping Johnny Bladwin, 158¼, Houston, Tex., in ten rounds. Hagler began pulling ahead once he fathomed Baldwin's southpaw stance. Baldwin was badly shaken in both of the two final sessions.

Tommy Rose, 129, Sherborn, continued his unbeaten streak, when he was awarded a highly unpopular split decision in ten rounds over Danny Tratzinski, 127, Brockton. The bout was slated for the New England featherweight championship held by Tratzinski but Rose was unable to make the weight. Tratzinski appeared to have a clear cut win. The fans showed their disapproval by booing and tossing debris into the ring.

Beau Jaynes, 146, Lowell, won his third New England title when he took the welterweight title from Tony Lopes, 144, Brockton High School senior. The former New England featherweight and lightweight titleholder called upon his experience to win a unanimous duke. Lopes was on the deck in the fifth round but finished strong enough to cop the final session. Jaynes atoned for a decision loss to Lopes when they fought for the vacant title.

Ricky Wynn, 220, Norton, scored a unanimous ten round decision over Joe Maye, 200, Hartford. Wynn waged a consistent attack while Maye was content with occasional flurries from a shell-like defense. A right thrown after the bell ended the second round dropped Maye, who also hit the canvas in the seventh round.

In four rounders; Billy Duquette, 162, Brockton, and Dana McCarthy, 164, Bristol, thrilled the fans with a wild slugfest in which a rare unanimous draw was voted; Dick Ecklund, 143, Lowell, used a fast long left to pile up points and earn a clear cut win over Jose Pato Melendez, 148, Hartford; Danny O'Malley, 190, Quincy, had no trouble halting Martin O'Connell, 185¼, Boston, in the first round; and Joe Houston, 163, Lowell, seemed to get the better of a split decision over Bobby Asack, 160, Brockton.

▲WATERBURY Armory—Vinnie DeBarros, 135, Waterbury, resumed his winning ways with a one round demolition of Bobby Gutheridge, 135, Hartford. The bout was only seconds old when a left hook rocked Gutheridge. Sensing the opportunity DeBarros let loose a two-fisted barrage that had the Capital City scrapper covering up. Gutheridge appeared to have weathered the storm when DeBarros rocked him again. Referee Walter Longo stepped in and called a halt.

A large, almost sell-out crowd turned out to see women boxers making their debut in the Nutmeg State. Gwen Gemini, 152, and Marion Trymar, 148, both of New York, although Ms. Gemini was billed as from Springfield, went through four dull rounds of no punching power, no talent, and the best can be said is that they filled the coffers. Of the curious that turned out, how many would return? My guess is not many!!

Randy Milton, 143, Bridgeport, had trouble with Roberto Medina's height and reach. He was awarded a roundly booed six round but unanimous decision in the semi-final over Medina, 146, Brockton. Steve Toomey, 145, Waterbury, and Charley Benjamin, 144, Somers and New Britain, battled through six rounds of see-saw action that ended up all even. Henry Walker, 159, Detroit, handed Dan McCarthy, 164, Bristol, a bad beating for six rounds with the latter battered into helplessness in the final session. John Harris, 157, Somers, made short work of Jerry Gardner, 164, New York, dropping him twice within two minutes of the first round.

Walter Byars of Boston was named to the Massachusetts Boxing Commission to replace Eddie Urbec. Byars was a good welterweight in the 1950's and holds wins over Kid Gavilan and Sugar Hart. He is knowledgeable and a true gentleman . . . Chairman of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission, Manny Aronis, has made awards to Jim Coppersmith, vice-president and general manager of WNAC-TV for recognition of his contribution to boxing by promoting TV boxing; and Dr. Nathan L. Shapiro of Randolph for 25 years of service to the commission as ringside physician . . . Sam Michaels of Lewiston was also named to one of the New England governing ring bodies when he replaced the late George L. Russo on the Maine Boxing Commission. Michaels is another excellent choice. He managed Lefty LaChance, a top flight featherweight in the 1940's. Mr. Michaels also has promoted in the Pine Tree State. . . .

Boxing lost one of its finest gentlemen with the passing of Dennis (Dinny) McMahon at age 91 years. This writer lost a friend of some forty years. McMahon managed and trained Louis (Kid) Kaplan who held the featherweight title. In later years he was executive secretary of the Connecticut Boxing Commission until boxing was outlawed for a few years in that state. . . .Another obit was Freddy Foran, Hartford featherweight, of the 1930's and 40's.


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## COTTON PICKING WAS OUT, SAYS BOUDREAUX

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the Houston Coliseum. Johnny could have boxed 20-rounds he was in such marvelous physical condition, and he had the visitor swinging at the wind all night.

Boudreaux began 1975 by boxing an eight-round draw with Stan Ward in Sacramento, California. He then won the 12-round decision over old friend Cookie Wallace in Dallas to win the Texas heavyweight crown, and it was said to have been one of the best fights seen in Big D in many years. Next came a 10-round duke over veteran Tony Doyle, and again Johnny completely outfoxed his opponent.

On September 23, 1975, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, Johnny busted up Charles Atlas, breaking his jaw in two places and cutting his eye to win by ninth round knockout—Atlas had just beaten Memphis Al Jones (Jones holds a knockout win over Boone Kirkman).

What's Boudreaux's style really like? Better let him tell you. "Sugar Ray Robinson was the guy I wanted to box like at first. Then it was Joe Brown, who used to help me when he was around the gym in Houston. Then I picked up on Ali's style. But, I use my own style. I just picked up stuff from all the other guys and turned it into my own thing," he says and adds, "It's me in the ring. It's my style and it comes natural.

"You can't make quick hands no matter how hard you try. I was born with quick hands, and they're quicker than anyone's. Quicker than Ali's or anyone," Johnny emphasizes with lightning like thrusts at an imaginary target. Somehow, you believe him when you see those hands dart out in rapid fire fashion.

About Ali, Johnny's boyhood idol. "I'm prettier than he is. I admit that no one else is able to say that, but truth is truth I am prettier than Ali. So, one of these days he shouldn't mind if I take the title, because he then can say 'A prettier fighter than me holds the title,' " says Boudreaux. "But even though he was my idol, I wouldn't mind beating him to become champion. However, I'd feel like I was beating on my grandfather as Ali is getting old," Boudreaux tells you.

Johnny's father, Joseph, isn't exactly a small man at 6-5, 245 pounds, so it is easy to see where Johnny gets his 6-3 frame on which he carries 210 solid pounds-and he is getting bigger.

Johnny's wife's name is Mary, and they are proud parents of a young son named Tyrone, who was born March 19, 1972.

The original manager-fighter contract between Robert Bish and Johnny Boudreaux was signed on January 15, 1973, and they have not only had a fine understanding but mutual admiration for one another.

"Then, on July 21, 1975, we sat down and renegotiated a better contract which terminated all existing contracts. We agreed that this new contract was in the best interest of fighter and manager and we're both very happy over it," Bish and Boudreaux stated in unison.

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| **1973** | | | |
| Feb. 12 | Elgie Walters, Beaumont | Won | 6 |
| Mar. 5 | Elgie Walters, Jacinto City | Won | 6 |
| June 19 | Charles Lee, Houston | KO | 3 |
| July 11 | Jack Johnson, New Orleans | KO | 2 |
| Aug. 13 | Art Bradford, Corpus Christi | KO | 2 |
| Aug. 20 | Memo Vargas, Dallas | KO | 1 |
| **1974** | | | |
| Feb. 7 | Charles Atlas, Houston | Won | 8 |
| Apr. 23 | Oliver Wright, Houston | Won | 10 |
| June 4 | Terry Daniels, Houston | Won | 10 |
| July 16 | Bob Avery, Houston | KO | 2 |
| Sept. 16 | Scrapiron Johnson, Houston | Won | 10 |
| Nov. 9 | Tommy Howard, Orlando | KO | 10 |
| Nov. 19 | Koli Voilea, Houston | Won | 10 |
| Dec. 3 | Leon Shaw, Orlando | Won | 10 |
| **1975** | | | |
| Jan. 18 | Stan Ward, Sacremento | Draw | 8 |
| Feb. 10 | Cookie Wallace, Dallas | Won | 12 |
| June 9 | Tony Doyle, Dallas | Won | 10 |
| Sept. 23 | Charles Atlas, Lake Charles | KO | 9 |

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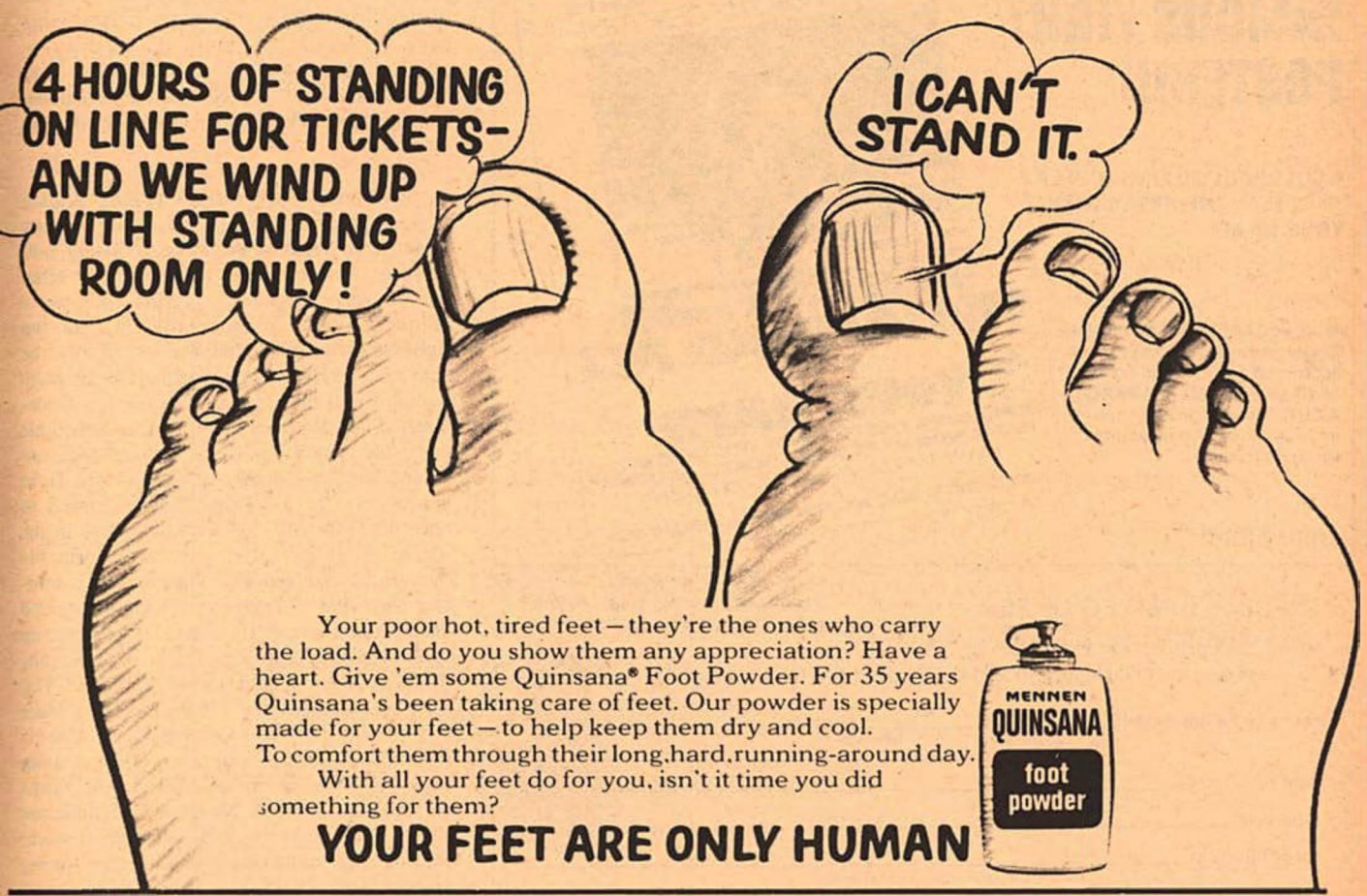

## U.S. CAPITAL ROOTS FOR BIFF CLINE

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Lest anyone think that fatherly pride outweighs professional ring judgment, an authority no less than ex-heavyweight champ Joe Frazier, on hand at the D.C. Armory to make a personal appearance, was impressed with Biff's punching.

Frazier based his judgment on a fight in which Biff took on rangy, dangerous Billy Howard, of Winston Salem, N.C., and stopped the more experienced battler in one action-packed round.

In this one, Biff had his man down early, but then was himself deposited on the canvas by a right. Getting up clear-eyed, Biff pursued Howard to the ropes and literally dynamited his foe into submission with a short left hook.

"Who is that guy?" exclaimed Frazier afterwards. "With his size," Frazier told manager Cline, "you should keep him in the light heavies — he can really punch."

Biff has definitely earned the nickname, "Terror" in the ring, but outside of it he is every inch the gentlemen. Because of his considerable personal charm, his rooters represent the widest possible spectrum. At each fight there is always a strong contingent of his former police buddies, led by his ex-commander, Captain James Blackston. The rest of his following includes old school friends, dyed-in-the-wool fight fans and people has met over the years — he has just as many black supporters as white ones.

Biff is married to the former Jamie Minette and has one daughter, Kara, aged three. Jamie is a medical records secretary while Biff hopes to increase the family fortunes with steady ring work.

At 27, Biff is well aware that time to make fistic hay is now. But like his idol, Marciano, Biff believes he has the fighting heart destined to make him a winner.

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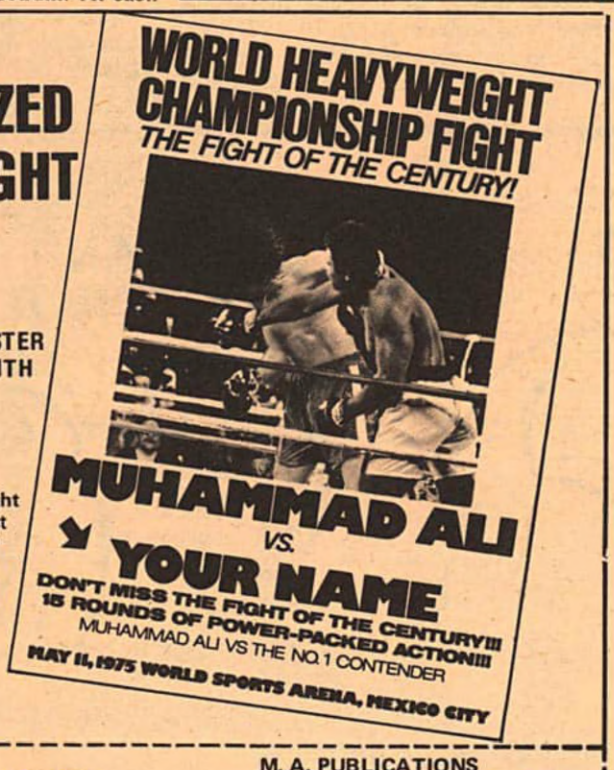


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New Yorker Howard Davis gunning for Olympic gold in Montreal . . . John Squeri appointed as New York Athletic commission chief inspector by James Farley . . . a solid call . . . George Leone now proprietor of Jackson Heights newstand. He fought the best of the bantams in the thirties . . . Richard Giachetti top handler of Larry Holmes . . . Ali — Norton Bicentennial extravaganza in Philadelphia or Washington D.C.? . . .Eddie Futch ably guiding Duane Bobick . . . Johnny Flood, New York featherweight of the fifties, now barkeep at Jackie Gaughan's Western Hotel and casino in Vegas . . . Philippines looking to host double-title bill featuring Erbito Salavarria versis top rated Alfonso Lopez of Panama and Alfonso Zamora against Fernardo Cabanella . . . Norway held its first world championship with Alfredo Escales versus Sven Erik Paulsen for junior lightweight crown at Oslo . . . Carlos Eleta has a number of top contenders aside from champion Duran namely Reynaldo Hidalgo, a Lagunalike featherweight, Puerto Rican bantam Wilfredo Gomez and Jorge Lujan, WBA number 2 flyweight . . . Each one is a prospective champion . . . Tony Licata returned to the ring in New Orleans . . . Angel Espada — Shoji Tsojimoto tauted for Tokyo . . . Alfonso Zamora now allied with Rafael Mendoza . . . Dale Hernandez, undefeated junior welter, set to crack world rankings . . .

Undefeated heavyweight Duane Bobick impressed in his Garden debut with punching power. He needs a bit more rounding out, however, before mixing with the upper echelon of heavyweights. . . .Pedro Soto has a unique problem in being too big for the light-heavyweights and too small for the heavies . . . He may opt for the Conteh solution and join the smaller division . . . Undefeated Larry Holmes should make a notable niche for himself in 1976. Trainer and confidant Richie Giachetti, one of the fight games most accomplished trainers, plans to have him mix with top ten contenders in the spring . . . Giachetti is ready to form his own fistic management concern and a sturdier hand doesn't exist . . . David Kotey and Danny Lopez ready for a WBC title matchup in Inglewood, California . . . Paul Ramos rates as Ohio's best Olympic hope. The light-heavyweight has what it takes to snare Olympian gold at Montreal . . . Carlos Palomino is a vastly improved boxer coming into his own in the welterweight ranks . . . Big question in Mexico: will unbeaten Carlos Zarate oppose WBC kingpin Rodolfo Martinez, a countryman, or unbeaten former stablemate Alfonso Zamora Mexicano?

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**Q.** How do you feel about the new crop of heavyweights: Larry Holmes, Duane Bobick, Johnny Boudreaux?

**A.** **Yes, yes, I really expect big things from all those guys. Anyone of them could be a future champion.**

**Q.** George, when you were in the Olympics you had a few amateur fights and you were fighting fellows who were ten years older and some that had a hundred and fifty amateurs fights. All of our U.S. fighters have to do that. Do you think that there's something unfair about international boxing rules?

**A.** **Well, it would be to our advantage here in the United States if they'd have international rules that standardized when a person is a professional or amateur that everyone would have to abide by. I think it would be best 'cause a lot of people who are good, say in this country, have to move onto a professional career because they can't afford to stay an amateur. You have to leave your job and give up everything to go to the Olympics. A lot of people can't do that, they have to go on to be professionals. I think in other countries I've heard, and I don't know this to be a fact, that a lot of these people are subsidized when they go to the Olympics and they don't have to worry about losing their homes, their jobs, their family's welfare when they go away.**

**Q.** Does it make you feel a little old seeing some of these younger fellows getting ready for the Olympics?

**A.** **Gawd darn right. Oh yeah, when I see them and I think about what a great time it was for me, what a great opportunity, and how much I enjoyed winning that gold medal I feel happy knowing that others are getting a chance to experience something that changed my life around.**

**Q.** What made you get interested in boxing?

**A.** **Well, I've been asked that question a lot, and to tell you the truth I now realize that me and boxing just happened along together. I was young and really down and ready for anything, and along came this chance for me to fight through the Job Corp. It could have been something else, but it was boxing, and it brought my life all the way to the top. I guess I always had the talents, I just got the lucky break.**

**Q.** What does it feel like to win, to hear the crowd cheering, to have your arm raised in victory?

**A.** **It's a great feeling. You feel it inside, way deep inside. When I won the Gold Medal at Mexico City, when I won the world title from Frazier, they were all trememdous feelings that only a few men will ever know. Only a very few. And It's also the fruits of a lot of hard, long labor, a lot of training that went on for months so you also feel that pride of having done your job well.**

**Q.** You've fought all around the world before huge crowds, is that a factor, an extra mental pressure?

**A.** **Yes. Yes, it is, and I hate it and I love it. I hate it 'cause when it's happening I can't take it. And when it's not happening I miss it and know that I want it. That's why I want the championship back, 'cause then there's all that pressure on you, everybody wants you.**

**Q.** Do you think that because you knocked out so many opponents early that you never learned how to pace yourself, like what happened to you against Ali?

**A.** **Could have been. But you know, a lot of times I didn't go the distance, not because I couldn't have, but 'cause the other guy couldn't. Against Ali there was something wrong, people in my camp got sick before the fight and there were all kinds of strange things going on. I never should have fought in Africa 'cause they all had been conned by Ali and it wasn't right. When I got into the ring I thought I'd be out of there in two, three rounds. Swear to God, I didn't think it would last that long. I landed some heavy punches, he just kept talking. Something was wrong, that's why I say I shouldn't have fought in Africa against Ali.**

**Q.** Do you feel confident about the future?

**A.** **Yes I do. I got all the talent, and I'm going to be working hard to get it all together and to keep it together for the duration. I'll be back.**

## EVERETT WINS SPLIT NOD OVER LUNNY

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Judge Jack Downey called it 7-5 for Everett, judge Tony Bosnich had it 6-4 for Lunny, while Larry Rozidilla, imported from Los Angeles, had it 8-4 for Everett.

It should be remembered that in California if a fighter scores a knockdown he is awarded two points for that round.

The fight was a good one with two intelligent and talented fighters making it an interesting battle of tactics and style. Ultimately it was Everett's style that handed Lunny his second loss in twenty-eight bouts. Both fighters deserve much praise for their skill and spirit. Everett is certainly entitled to a world championship bout, and if he were to win one could count on him to be a fighting champion.

In Foreman's exhibition bout an unprecedented five men helped him in his corner including the noted trainer Gil Clancy. In the first two rounds George showed that he could be patient as he was content to throw stinging left jabs and an occasional right cross.

Brooks kept low and moved from side to side, but it wasn't until the third round that he landed an effective punch, a looping right to Foreman's face. However, Foreman got serious and dropped Brooks twice in that round.

In the fourth round Foreman came out with complete disregard for the punching power of Brooks and pounded him to the canvas twice before the referee halted the match. This is the second exhibition match the former world champion has fought since losing to Ali fifteen months ago in Zaire.

After the bout, Jim Brown, the former football player who is rumored to be interested in acting, stepped into the ring and made a pitch for the Olympic fund.

Foreman was the Gold Medal winner in Olympic boxing seven years ago in Mexico City. The idea for arranging Foreman's exhibition bouts with an Olympic fund appeal supposedly comes from Top Rank Inc. and Jerry Perenchio, who are trying to maneuver George out of the doldrums and into a big money title shot.

In a six, Jose Talamantez, 138, from San Jose, extended his unbeaten record to four in a row with a knock out win over exhausted Eddie Menchaca, 137, from Pittsburg. Also, Wayne Beal, 148, from San Diego, displayed a lot of boxing knowledge for a young fighter and knocked out Fred Jiminez, 145, San Jose, in the seventh round.

The Garden City Boxing Club recorded a gate of $44,633 with over five thousand fans showing up. Both Lunny and Everett collected $10,000 apiece. Brooks reportedly received $2500 which was paid by Foreman's backers.

## STANDER STOPS DANIELS IN ONE

*By BOB RIOUX*

**Omaha, Nebr. — Unleashing his "Iowa Combine", a special flurry of punches designed to end a fight quickly, Ron Stander did just that by rendering Terry Daniels helpless at the close of round one in their heavyweight contest here.**

Stander, 217, Council Bluffs, Iowa blasted Daniels, 195, Texas to the deck shortly after the opening bell. Terry arose and gave it all he had but Stander was too much for him as the referee halted the bout with Daniels draped over the ropes, giving Ron a first round TKO.

From Oklahoma City, Sean O'Grady furthered his perfect record by flattening Robert Rodriguez of San Antone, Texas, in the third round.

Clifford Stephens, Dallas won a six round decision over Ron Draper, Kansas City, Mo. in a heavyweight bout that was called the 'thriller of Omaha' that saw both men hit the deck. Muscular Tony Chiavirini, Kansas City, belted out Holands Oliver, Chicago, in one round, middleweights. Johnny Montane was lucky to gain four round decision over Titus Shelby, Texas. Middles.

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